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1 **SDG&E REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF SARA A. FRANKE**
2 **(CUSTOMER SERVICES FIELD)**

3 **I. SUMMARY OF DIFFERENCES**

4 Table SAF-1 below summarizes the parties' respective TY 2016 forecasts for SDG&E
5 Customer Services Field ("CSF") activities.

6 **TABLE SAF-1**
7 **Summary of Differences¹**

TOTAL O&M - Constant 2013 (\$000)			
	Base Year 2013	Test Year 2016	Change
SDG&E	22,990	22,135	-855
ORA	22,990	20,577	-2,413 ²
TOTAL CAPITAL - Constant 2013 (\$000)			
	2014	2015	2016
SDG&E	121	0	0
ORA	306	0	0

8 Table SAF-2 below summarizes the parties' respective TY 2016 forecasts by CSF cost
9 category.

¹ ORA is the only party that submitted testimony containing TY 2016 forecast expenses for SDG&E's CSF activities. UCAN submitted testimony but did not raise any objections to or contest any aspects of SDG&E's TY 2016 forecast with the exception that UCAN recommends using a lower order volume for two of SDG&E's fifty-six CSF work order types. Because UCAN did not propose a corresponding dollar amount associated with its proposed adjustment, no TY 2016 cost forecast is shown for UCAN. SDCAN submitted testimony indicating that it supports ORA's overall TY 2016 forecast for SDG&E as a whole. With respect to CSF activities in particular, SDCAN raises only one issue, i.e., SDG&E's performance relative to Service Guarantees. SDCAN does not present any specific dollar amount by which it recommends SDG&E's TY 2016 forecast be modified, therefore no TY 2016 cost forecast is shown for SDCAN. TURN's sole mention of CSF in its testimony pertains to 2013 employee recognition expenses totaling \$2,034 dollars for tickets to sporting events. Aside from suggesting that \$2,034 dollars be removed from SDG&E's TY 2016 forecast, TURN did not propose any changes to SDG&E's TY 2016 forecast for CSF activities. Therefore no cost forecast is shown for TURN.

² As an observation, SDG&E notes that ORA proposes a reduction in SDG&E's TY 2016 costs that is approximately *three times* the amount proposed by SDG&E. Similarly, ORA proposes incremental TY 2016 funding that is approximately *one-third* of SoCalGas' request. Dividing/multiplying by three appears to be ORA's primary objective with respect to the TY 2016 CSF cost forecasts for both SDG&E and SoCalGas.

1 **TABLE SAF-2**

2 **Summary Comparison by Cost Category – Non-Shared Costs³**

TOTAL O&M - Constant 2013 (\$000)			
	Base Year 2013	Test Year 2016	Change
CSF - Operations⁴			
SDG&E	15,678	14,675	-1,003
ORA	15,678	13,243	-2,435
CSF - Supervision			
SDG&E	1,491	1,484	-7
ORA	1,491	1,484	-7
CSF - Dispatch			
SDG&E	2,973	3,002	29
ORA	2,973	3,002	29
CSF - Support			
SDG&E	2,848	2,974	126
ORA	2,848	2,848	0

3 **II. INTRODUCTION**

4 **A. ORA**

5 Office of Ratepayer Advocates (“ORA”) issued its report on SDG&E’s CSF forecast on
 6 April 24, 2015.⁵ ORA proposes a TY 2016 funding level that is \$2.413 million less than 2013
 7 adjusted-recorded costs (a reduction of 10%), whereas SDG&E’s TY 2016 forecast is \$0.855
 8 million less than 2013 adjusted-recorded costs (a 4% reduction). Following is a summary of
 9 ORA’s proposals:

- 10 • ORA supports SDG&E’s TY 2016 forecasts for two of the four CSF cost categories,
 11 i.e., CSF Supervision and CSF Dispatch (\$1.484 million and \$3.002 million,
 12 respectively).
- 13 • For the CSF Operations cost category, ORA proposes a TY 2016 funding level equal
 14 to 2014 recorded-adjusted costs, or \$2.435 million less than 2013 adjusted-recorded
 15 costs (a 16% reduction).

³ SDG&E does not have any shared costs.

⁴ UCAN did not raise any objections to or contest any of SDG&E’s TY 2016 forecasts with the exception that, with respect to the CSF Operations cost category, UCAN recommends a lower order volume for two of SDG&E’s fifty-six CSF work order types, i.e., “Seasonal Off” and “Seasonal On Singles” work orders. Because UCAN did not propose a specific corresponding dollar adjustment to SDG&E’s TY 2016 forecast for CSF Operations, no TY 2016 cost forecast is shown for UCAN.

⁵ Exhibit (“Ex.”) ORA-13, Report on the Results of Operations for San Diego Gas & Electric Company and Southern California Gas Company, Test Year 2016 General Rate Case – Customer Services”.

- 1 • For the CSF Support cost category, ORA proposes a TY 2016 funding level equal to
2 Base Year (“BY”) 2013 recorded-adjusted costs, or \$0.126 million less than
3 SDG&E’s TY 2016 forecast.

- 4 • ORA used 2014 adjusted-recorded costs for IT capital.

5 **B. UCAN**

6 The Utility Consumers’ Action Network (“UCAN”) submitted testimony on May 15,
7 2015.⁶ Following is a summary of UCAN’s sole proposal pertaining to SDG&E’s CSF
8 activities:

- 9 • SDG&E’s forecasted work order volumes for two of SDG&E’s fifty-six CSF order
10 types (“Seasonal Off” and “Seasonal On Singles” work orders) should be reduced to
11 account for the historical decline in pilot relights.⁷

12 **C. SDCAN**

13 The San Diego Consumers’ Action Network (“SDCAN”) also submitted testimony on
14 May 15, 2015.⁸ Following is a summary of SDCAN’s sole proposal pertaining to SDG&E’s
15 CSF activities:

- 16 • SDG&E should be required to split the costs of the Service Guarantee program
17 between its customers and shareholders until the next SDG&E GRC at which time, if
18 SDG&E provides evidence of reduced missed appointments, the program might once
19 again be fully funded by ratepayers.⁹

20 **D. TURN**

21 The Utility Reform Network (“TURN”) submitted testimony on May 15, 2015.¹⁰
22 Following is a summary of TURN’s only proposal pertaining to SDG&E’s CSF activities:

- 23 • 2013 costs totaling \$2,034 for sporting tickets (for employee recognition) are not
24 necessary to provide utility service and should be removed from the TY 2016
25 forecast.¹¹

⁶ Ex. UCAN-Fulmer, “Testimony of Mark Fulmer on Behalf of the Utility Consumers’ Action Network Concerning Sempra’s Revenue Requirement Proposals for San Diego Gas and Electric and SoCalGas”.

⁷ Ex. UCAN-Fulmer, page 5. As noted previously, UCAN does not provide a proposed dollar amount associated with its order volume forecast for the two seasonal work order types.

⁸ Ex. SDCAN-Shames, “SDCAN Evaluation of San Diego Gas and Electric Company’s Customer Service and External Affairs Activities”.

⁹ Ex. SDCAN-Shames, page 29.

¹⁰ Ex. TURN-Marcus, “Report on Various Results of Operations Issues in Southern California Gas Company’s and San Diego Gas and Electric Company’s 2016 Test Year General Rate Cases”.

¹¹ Ex. TURN-Marcus, pages 46-47.

1 **III. REBUTTAL TO PARTIES' O&M PROPOSALS**

2 **A. CSF Operations Cost Category**

3 CSF Operations consists of labor and non-labor expenses for field technicians who
4 provide service at customer premises, including both customer- and company-generated work
5 orders. Examples of customer-generated work orders include customer requests to
6 establish/remove gas and electric service, light gas pilots, check gas appliances, shut off and
7 restore gas service for fumigation, investigate the cause of high bills, respond to emergency
8 incidents (e.g., structure fires), investigate reports of potential gas leaks, and other services.
9 Examples of company-generated work orders include performing meter and regulator changes
10 and other meter work to maintain company assets, and collecting customer payments for
11 delinquent bills, the latter of which is typically performed by field collectors.

12 Table SAF-3 below provides a summary comparison of the parties' respective TY 2016
13 forecasts for each of the elements that make up the CSF Operations cost category.

14 **TABLE SAF-3**

15 **Summary Comparison – CSF Operations Cost Category**

TY 2016 Forecast – Constant 2013 (\$000)		
	SDG&E	ORA
CSF (Excluding Field Collections)		
2013 Adjusted-Recorded Costs	13,411	0
TY 2016 Forecast – Order Volumes and Other Variables (Excluding Customer Growth)	(163)	0
Adjustment to Account for Customer Growth	429	0
Adjustment to Account for Increased Drive Time Due to Increased Traffic Congestion	147	0
Adjustment to Account for Efficiency Improvements	(698)	0
Other Incremental Funding Requests:		
Enhanced Customer Education (Proposed New Service)	245	0
Outreach Safety Checks (Proposed New Service)	595	0
Operator Qualification Training	38	0
AT&T Wireless Fees	37	0
Field Collections		
2013 Adjusted-Recorded Costs	2,267	0
Adjustment to Account for Efficiency Improvements	(1,633)	0
Total	14,675	13,243¹²

16 ¹² ORA uses SDG&E's 2014 adjusted-recorded costs as the sole basis for its TY 2016 forecast. (Ex. ORA-13, page 9, Table 13-5, and page 10, lines 3-4.)

1 **1. ORA**

2 ORA takes issue with SDG&E’s TY 2016 forecast for the CSF Operations cost category
3 and proposes TY 2016 funding equal to 2014 recorded-adjusted costs. SDG&E developed its
4 forecast in accordance with the Rate Case Plan, which does not contemplate the use of 2014
5 recorded data so SDG&E’s forecast was not developed using 2014 information.¹³ While 2014
6 recorded cost data may indicate lower spending than forecasted in some areas, it may also
7 indicate higher spending than forecasted in others. CSF Operations costs are impacted by a
8 number of variables, including work order volumes, which fluctuate from year to year for most
9 order types, and other variables. Although SDG&E provided 2014 cost data in the spirit of
10 cooperation, SDG&E did not update its TY 2016 forecast to include 2014 data. The use of 2014
11 recorded costs as the sole basis for ORA’s TY 2016 forecast should be rejected because this
12 forecasting methodology ignores key variables that impact costs.¹⁴

13 In its testimony (Ex. ORA-13), ORA makes the statements and assertions reproduced
14 below as ORA’s justification for using 2014 costs as the sole basis for its TY 2016 forecast.
15 Each of ORA’s arguments and assertions are also rebutted below.

16 **a. TY 2016 Forecast – Order Volumes and Other Variables**
17 **(Excluding Customer Growth)**

18 ORA states, “SDG&E’s TY 2016 forecast is over-stated. SDG&E’s adjusted-recorded
19 expenses declined by \$6.287 million between 2009 and 2014 from \$19.530 million in 2009, to
20 \$13.243 million in 2014.” (Ex. ORA-13, page 10, lines 13-15)

21 ORA uses a broad-brush forecasting methodology, concluding that because CSF
22 Operations costs decreased between 2009 and 2014, TY 2016 funding levels should be set equal
23 to 2014 adjusted-recorded costs. ORA provides absolutely no analysis or substantiation in its
24 testimony or workpapers to justify its arbitrary selection of recorded 2014 expenses as appropriate
25 for SDG&E’s CSF TY 2016 forecast expenses. Furthermore, ORA provides no CSF work order
26 volume forecast associated with its forecast of TY 2016 expenses.

27 In contrast, SDG&E developed (and provided ORA with a working copy of) its Excel
28 forecasting model for both non-collections and collections CSF work orders (SDG&E-13-WP,

¹³ SDG&E did not have adjusted-recorded 2014 expenditures available when SDG&E filed its GRC Notice of Intent (NOI) in July 2014 and its GRC Application (A.14-11-003) in November 2014.

¹⁴Aside from 2014 cost data, ORA did not request any other 2014 data or information.

1 pages 14-27). The forecasting model SDG&E used to develop its TY 2016 forecast accounts for
2 the following variables which impact CSF Operations costs:

- 3 • *Work Order Volumes* – Work order volumes and trends vary by order type, as do the
4 factors impacting each order type. Rather than utilize a broad-brush forecasting
5 methodology, in an effort to improve the accuracy and transparency of its forecasting,
6 SDG&E presented graphical charts for each CSF work order type showing the order
7 volume patterns, for each individual order type, as well as key factors impacting each
8 order type (SDG&E-13-WP, pages 28-80). As reflected in SDG&E’s workpapers and
9 as accounted for in SDG&E’s TY 2016 forecast, some order types have been steadily
10 decreasing in volume as a result of Smart Meter implementation. Order volumes for
11 most order types have consistently fluctuated from year to year, due to factors outside
12 of SDG&E’s control (e.g., weather, the state of the economy, customer turnover, the
13 level of gas and electricity prices, emergency incidents such as structure fires and
14 laws/regulations). And order volumes for other order types have been steadily
15 increasing from year to year. ORA’s use of 2014 costs as the sole basis for its TY
16 2016 forecast ignores order volume patterns by order type, as well as factors impacting
17 order volumes by order type.¹⁵ Furthermore, ORA does not contest or present any
18 objections or concerns regarding any of SDG&E’s work order volume forecasts for
19 any individual order type.
- 20 • *Drive time* – The time it takes field technicians to travel to customer premises. As
21 reflected in Ex. SDG&E-13, page SAF-12, drive time has steadily increased each year
22 from an average of 9.46 minutes per order in 2009 to an average of 13.09 minutes per
23 order in 2013. In its testimony regarding SoCalGas’ CSF Operations cost category,
24 ORA supports SoCalGas’ projection of an annual increase in drive time of 1% due to
25 increasing traffic congestion.¹⁶ SDG&E relied on the same INRIX study of traffic
26 congestion as SoCalGas did to develop its forecast of projected increases in drive time,
27 yet ORA is completely silent on the subject of drive time in its testimony regarding
28 SDG&E CSF Operations.¹⁷
- 29 • *On Premise Time* – The time it takes to complete each work order. On premise time
30 varies based on work order type, with some order types requiring more time to
31 complete than others. Largely as a result of Smart Meter implementation eliminating
32 shorter work orders, the average on premise time per order has steadily increased from
33 14.46 minutes in 2009 to 23.77 minutes in 2013 (Ex. SDG&E-13, page SAF-13).
34 SDG&E’s TY 2016 forecast assumes average on premise time of 23.8 minutes per
35 order based on 2013 average on premise time per order type (Ex. SDG&E-13, page

¹⁵ SDG&E’s graphical order volume charts showing order volume patterns by individual order type were provided in Ex. SDG&E-13-WP, pages 28-80. The same graphical order volume charts, updated to include 2014 results, are attached to this testimony as Appendix A.

¹⁶ In Ex. ORA-13, page 52, lines 13-14, ORA states, “ORA does not take issue with SCG’s projected 1% increase in drive time for TY 2016.”

¹⁷ Drive time, including a copy of INRIX’s traffic congestion report, is addressed on pages SAF-12-13 and SAF-E-1 of Ex. SDG&E-13.

1 SAF-13).¹⁸ In its testimony, ORA does not contest or raise any objections to
2 SDG&E's forecast of average on premise time per order type.

- 3 • *Non-Job Time, Training Time, Vacation and Sickness, and Wage Rate* – In addition to
4 drive time and on premise time being converted to hours and then full-time equivalents
5 (“FTEs”) to determine costs, the appropriate non-job time (for start/end of day non-
6 order work, breaks); meeting/training time; and the SDG&E vacation and sickness
7 factors were applied to compute forecasted FTEs. A blended wage rate for the various
8 CSF job classifications was used to compute total labor expense.¹⁹ In its testimony,
9 ORA does not contest or present any objections to SDG&E's TY 2016 forecasting
10 assumptions for any of these variables, i.e., non-job time, meeting/training time,
11 vacation and sickness time, or wage rate.
- 12 • *Non-Labor Expense* – SDG&E used a five-year average to forecast a TY 2016 average
13 non-labor cost per FTE for small tools, uniforms, materials, supplies and expenses.²⁰
14 ORA does not contest or present any objections to SDG&E's forecast for non-labor
15 expenses.

16 As summarized above, SDG&E provided detailed rationale and substantiation for each
17 and every planning assumption used in its forecast of TY 2016 costs, including the forecast model
18 SDG&E used to analyze the net effect of the different variables that drive CSF Operations costs.²¹
19 In its testimony, ORA does not object to SDG&E's forecast methodology or projected TY 2016
20 order volumes for any work order type. ORA does not object to SDG&E's projected on premise
21 time (the average time it takes for a field technician to complete each order type) for any work
22 order type. ORA does not object to SDG&E's projected average drive time per work order type
23 (the time it takes field technicians to travel to customer premises). Nor does ORA contest or
24 object to any other planning assumption contained in SDG&E's forecast model (e.g., non-job
25 time, training time, vacation and sick time, wage rate and non-labor cost per FTE).

¹⁸ BY 2013 average on premise times per order were used to forecast because the most current procedures and safety requirements are reflected in 2013 on premise times. (Ex. SDG&E-13, page SAF-13, lines 11-13).

¹⁹ Ex. SDG&E-13, pages SAF-13-14, lines 19-25 and 1-8, respectively.

²⁰ Ex. SDG&E-13, page SAF-14, lines 8-10.

²¹ As reflected in SDG&E's response to ORA-SCG-DR-052-TLG, Q.6., SDG&E's forecast of required funding for its Customer Services Field – Operations area is, at its core, based on activity levels. SDG&E prepared a work order volume forecast, then factored in multiple variables (i.e., on premise time per work order, drive time per order (to travel to and from each work order), vacation & sickness rates, non-job time rates (e.g., for start/end of day non-order work, breaks, etc.), and training time rates) to calculate the necessary hours (FTEs) to perform the volume of forecasted work. To determine required funding, SDG&E multiplied the total hours by a blended wage rate. For the TY 2016 forecast, SDG&E used 2013 base year data to calculate a blended wage rate of \$38.34 per hour. This rate is a blend of all CSF job classifications and includes straight-time and overtime.

1 In a nutshell, SDG&E's forecast of TY 2016 expenses reflects the net effect of several
2 moving variables (i.e., order volumes by individual order type, most of which fluctuate up and
3 down from year to year; drive time; on premise time; non-job time; meeting/training time;
4 vacation and sickness rates; and blended wage rate). ORA's sole reliance on a broad-brush
5 forecasting methodology (i.e., 2014 recorded costs) ignores all the variables that impact CSF
6 Operations costs over time. ORA completely ignores and does not address in its testimony the
7 merits of the detailed facts and assumptions presented in Exs. SDG&E-13 and SDG&E-13-WP,
8 which take into consideration the key variables that impact CSF Operations costs. For these
9 reasons, ORA's forecast methodology should be rejected.

10 Second, ORA states, "*SDG&E's total work order volumes declined by 406,493 between*
11 *2009-2013, from 725,946 in 2009 to 319,453 in 2013.*" (Ex. ORA-13, page 11, lines 5-6)

12 Similar to ORA's above assertion regarding 2014 costs, ORA applies a very simplistic,
13 broad-brush, virtually analysis-free approach to its review of work order volumes. In its
14 testimony and workpapers,²² SDG&E presents facts, data, graphs and charts showing factors
15 impacting each order type and historical order volume patterns by specific order type. SDG&E's
16 TY 2016 forecast takes into account that work order volumes for order types impacted by Smart
17 Meter have declined due to a reduction in the need for the associated work. In these instances
18 SDG&E used BY 2013 order volumes as the basis for its forecast.

19 ORA's proposed use of 2014 adjusted-recorded costs as the sole basis for its TY 2016
20 forecast ignores the fact that work order volumes for non-Smart-Meter-impacted orders²³ have
21 continued to fluctuate up and down from year to year.²⁴ Where customer demand for services is
22 driven by factors outside SDG&E's control (e.g., weather, the state of the economy, customer
23 turnover, emergency incidents such as structure fires and customer reports of potential gas
24 leaks), the order volume forecasts must be based on multi-year historical averages of sufficient
25 length to capture the cyclical conditions because variables influencing order volumes vary from
26 year to year. ORA's use of a single-year cost forecasting methodology fails to account for year-
27 to-year order volume fluctuations by order type.

²² Ex. SDG&E, pages SAF-6-11 and SDG&E-13-WP, pages 28-80.

²³ For work orders impacted by Smart Meter, SDG&E used BY 2013 (orders to active meters) order volumes for its TY 2016 forecast since 2013 was the first full year post Smart Meter implementation.

²⁴ Ex. SDG&E-13-WP, pages 28-80.

1 ORA’s single-year cost forecasting methodology similarly ignores the fact that work
2 order volumes for some order types have been increasing during the period from 2009-2013
3 (e.g., work orders related to customer reports of carbon monoxide following the enactment of
4 Senate Bill 183,²⁵ and work orders related to the ongoing maintenance of gas and electric
5 meters.)²⁶

6 In this GRC, SDG&E has gone the extra step of analyzing order volume patterns and
7 factors affecting order volumes, by specific order type, in developing separate order volume
8 forecasts for each and every individual order type. SDG&E does not apply a single forecast
9 methodology for all order types. Rather, each order type is evaluated based on its specific
10 attributes, including external factors and cyclical impacts, upward or downward order volume
11 patterns, Smart Meter impacts, etc. In its testimony, ORA does not contest or raise any
12 objections to SDG&E’s order volume forecast methodology or rationale for any single order
13 type. Nor does ORA raise any objections to or contest the resulting order volume forecast for
14 any single order type. Notably, on page 11 of its testimony (footnote 18), ORA reiterates a
15 SoCalGas response to an ORA data request, “Relying solely on total order volume trends, rather
16 than order volume trends for each individual work order type, would ignore key factors
17 impacting individual order types.”

18 For the reasons set forth above, ORA’s broad-brush approach to forecasting TY 2016
19 costs, i.e., relying solely on 2014 adjusted-recorded costs should be rejected.

20 Third, ORA states, “*Of the fifty-six work order types shown, thirty-two of them showed*
21 *declining trends in order volumes between 2009-2013.*” (Ex. ORA-13, page 11, lines 9-10)

22 Upon reviewing ORA’s testimony, it appeared to SDG&E that ORA’s above assertion
23 may be based on a comparison of only 2012 and 2013 order volumes. To seek clarification,
24 SDG&E sent a data request to ORA asking the following:²⁷

25 At Exhibit ORA-13, page 11, lines 6-9, ORA indicated it “reviewed and analyzed
26 each individual work order type SDG&E provided in its testimony, in order to
27 determine the historical order volume trend for each individual work order type.”

²⁵ Ex. SDG&E-13-WP, pages 36-37.

²⁶ Ex. SDG&E-13-WP, page 61.

²⁷ A copy of SDG&E’s data request, SEU-ORA-DR-06, Q. 2, and ORA’s response are provided in Appendix B.

1 Of the 56 order types ORA reviewed and analyzed, which individual order type
2 forecasts does ORA object to and why?

3 ORA responded as follows:

4 **Regarding “which individual order type forecasts does ORA object to and**
5 **why,” note that ORA’s testimony did not state that it objected to SDG&E’s**
6 **“individual order type forecasts.” [Emphasis added]**

7 As discussed in ORA’s testimony on page 11, ORA reviewed and analyzed each
8 individual work order type SDG&E provided in its testimony, in order to
9 determine the historical order volume trend for each work order type. Regarding
10 forecasts and historical trends for Work Order Volumes, in response to ORA-
11 SCG-052-TLG, Q. 22-d, SCG states, “Relying solely on total order volume
12 trends, rather than order volume trends for each individual work order type, would
13 ignore key factors impacting individual order types.” ORA discovered that, of the
14 fifty-six work order types shown, thirty-two of them showed declining trends in
15 order volumes between 2009-2013. SDG&E’s 2014 adjusted-recorded expenses
16 of \$13.243 million includes its work order volumes and its 2014 expense level is
17 \$2.435 million lower than its 2013 expense levels of \$15.678 million. SDG&E’s
18 testimony and workpapers did not include any historical cost data associated with
19 each of its fifty-six work order types for analysis.

20 ORA’s testimony mischaracterizes the facts. As reflected in Table SAF-4 below, a total
21 of 17 order types experienced declines in order volumes each year during the period from 2009-
22 2014.²⁸ Nearly all of these order types were impacted by SDG&E’s Smart Meter
23 implementation, which eliminated the need for field work orders in many cases. SDG&E’s
24 order-type-by order type forecasting methodology set forth in Exs. SDG&E-13 (pages 6-9) and
25 SDG&E-13-WP (pages 28-80) takes into account the impact of Smart Meter on applicable order
26 types.

²⁸ SDG&E is including 2014 order volume data given that ORA uses solely 2014 costs for its TY 2016 forecast. Using 2009-2013 order volume data yield similar results, i.e., 19 order types, not 32 as ORA asserts, have experienced steadily declining order volumes, again primarily due to Smart Meter implementation which SDG&E accounts for in its forecasted order volumes.

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TABLE SAF-4

Order Volume Patterns by Order Type Based on 2009-2014 Order Volumes²⁹

Order Types With Continually Declining Volumes Each Year	Order Types With Up and Down, Fluctuating Volumes Each Year
1. Change of Account – Electric*	1. Change of Account – Gas*
2. Change of Account – Gas & Elec*	2. Collections – First Call**
3. Change of Account – Give Notice*	3. Collections – Third Call**
4. Change of Account – RTO*	4. CSO – Appliance Adjustments
5. Collections - Credit Shut Off*	5. CSO – Appliance Mechanic Work
6. Collections – Second Call**	6. CSO - Carbon Monoxide – Emergency
7. Gas Leaks – Non-Hazard***	7. CSO – Carbon Monoxide – Non Emergency
8. HBI*	8. CSO – High Pressure
9. Turn On/Shutoff – Give Notice Cut*	9. CSO – No Gas
10. Turn On/Shutoff – Shutoff – Elec*	10. CSO - Other Misc Gas & Elec Customer Requests
11. Turn On/Shutoff – Shutoff – Gas and Elec*	11. CSO – School Leak Surveys
12. Turn On/Shutoff – Shutoff in Error*	12. CSO – Seasonal Off
13. Turn On/Shutoff – Soft Shutoff Gas Elec*	13. CSO – Seasonal On Multiples
14. Turn On/Shutoff – Soft Turn On Gas Turn On Elec*	14. CSO – Seasonal On Singles
15. Turn On/Shutoff – Turn On Elec*	15. Fumigation/Bug Fogger
16. Turn On/Shutoff – Turn On Gas/Elec*	16. Gas Leaks – Emergency B&B Inside
17. CSF – Incomplete*	17. Gas Leaks – Emergency B&B Outside
	18. Emergency – Agency Requests
	19. Gas Leaks – Fire & Explosions
	20. Gas Leaks - Hazard
	21. Meter Work Capital – Header Work
	22. Meter Work Capital – Meter Sets - Electric
	23. Meter Work Capital – Meter Sets - Gas
	24. Meter Work - O&M – Atmospheric Corrosion
	25. Meter Work - O&M - CURB
	26. Meter Work - O&M - Cust/Company Change - Elec
	27. Meter Work - O&M – Cust/Company Change - Gas
	28. Meter Work (O&M) – Cust/Company Test (Change) - Gas
	29. Meter Work (O&M) – Misc Company Work*
	30. Meter Work (O&M) – Periodic Test Change - Gas
	31. Non Pay Turn On*
	32. Read Verify – Rereads*
	33. Turn On/Shutoff – Cust /Company Remove/Reset – Elec
	34. Turn On/Shutoff – Cust /Company Remove/Reset – Gas
	35. Turn On/Shutoff – Shutoff – Elec*
	36. Turn On Gas*
	37. Misc – Houseline Test Purge – O&M

*Impacted by Smart Meter implementation. SDG&E used BY 2013 orders-to-active meters to forecast order volumes since 2013 was the first full year post Smart Meter implementation.

** Impacted by a change in Collections procedures, which SDG&E accounted for in its TY 2016 forecast.

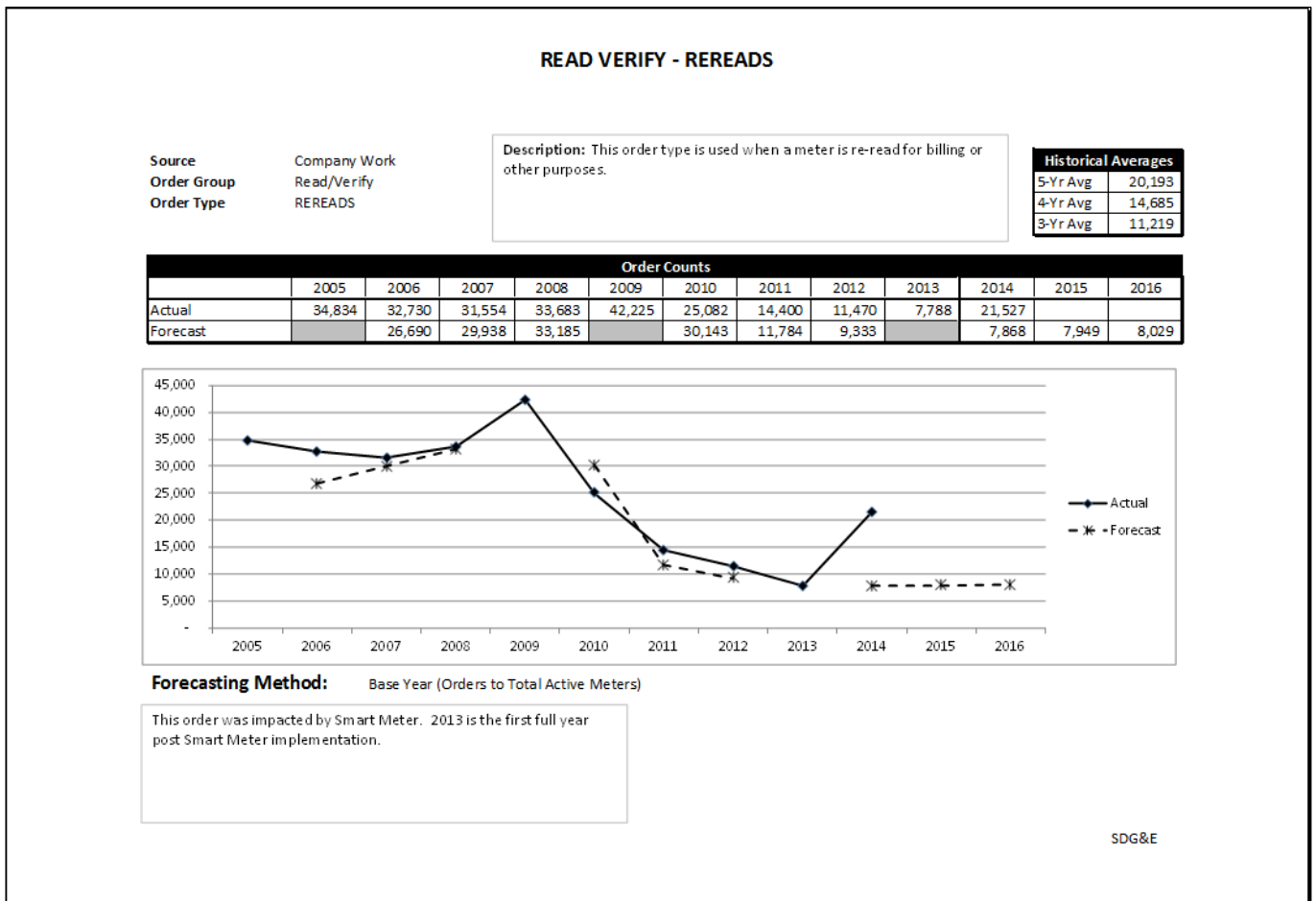
*** Impacted by a shift in nonhazardous to hazardous order categorization which SDG&E accounted for in its TY 2016 forecast.

²⁹ Source: Exs. SDG&E-13, pages SAF-6-11, and SDG&E-13-WP, pages 28-80, updated to include 2014 data in Appendix A of this testimony.

	38. Misc – Houeline Test Purge – Capital
	39. Smart Meter*

1 As an example, Table SAF-5 below illustrates an order type impacted by Smart Meter,
2 i.e., Read Verify – Reread work orders.³⁰ SDG&E incorporated the effects of Smart Meter by
3 using BY 2013 order volumes,³¹ whereas (based on 2009-2013 order volume patterns) use of a
4 multi-year average would likely overstate order volumes for this order type post Smart Meter
5 implementation.

6 **TABLE SAF-5**
7 **Order Volume Forecast for “Read/Verify” Work Order**



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³⁰ Excerpt from SDG&E-13-WP, page 64, updated to include 2014 order volume.

³¹ 2014 order volume data was not available when SDG&E submitted its Application in November 2014.

1 On the other hand, 39 of the 56 work order types (nearly 70%) have experienced year-to-year, up
2 and down fluctuations in order volumes during the period from 2009-2014, reinforcing the fact that it
3 would not be appropriate to forecast TY 2016 total order volumes using a single year as ORA proposes.
4 SDG&E's order type-by-order type forecasting methodology takes into consideration fluctuations in
5 order volumes from year to year and the fact that such fluctuations are largely due to external factors
6 outside the utility's control (e.g., weather, the state of the economy, customer turnover, structure fires,
7 customer reports of potential gas leaks, etc.).

8 Table SAF-6 below provides an example of a work order type, i.e., Seasonal On -
9 Multiples,³² for which order volumes fluctuate up and down from year to year, and for which
10 SDG&E therefore uses a multi-year average forecast methodology to forecast TY 2016 order
11 volumes and associated costs.³³

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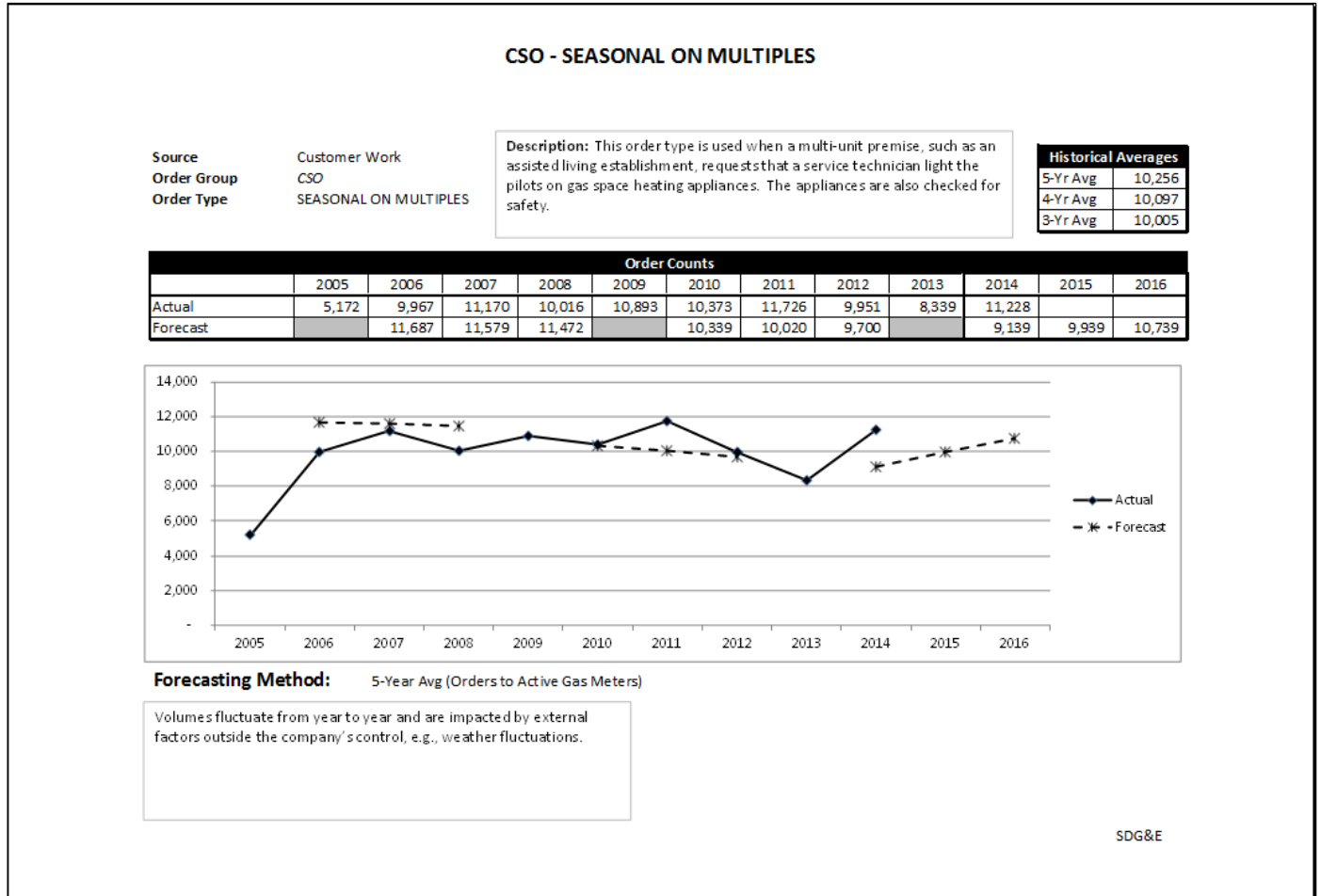
³² Excerpt from SDG&E-13-WP, page 43, updated to include 2014 order volume.

³³ It should be noted also that UCAN specifically states that it supports SDG&E's five-year average forecasting methodology for the "Seasonal On Multiples" work order type. (Ex. UCAN-Fulmer, page 102, footnote 210) In fact, with the exception of two of the fifty-six order types, UCAN does not contest SDG&E's individual order volume forecasts for any order type (Ex. UCAN-Fulmer, pages 99-103).

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TABLE SAF-6

Order Volume Forecast for “Seasonal On – Multiples” Order Type



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ORA’s proposed forecast methodology (i.e., the sole use of 2014 costs) ignores the fact that order volumes for work order types not impacted by Smart Meter implementation fluctuate from year to year. ORA’s forecast methodology (use of 2014 costs only) is flawed and based on erroneous assertions and must therefore be rejected.

Fourth, ORA states, “SDG&E’s testimony and workpapers did not include any historical cost data associated with each of its fifty-six work order types for analysis.” (Ex. ORA-13, page 11, lines 13-15)

While SDG&E has not historically captured and tracked costs by individual work order type, SDG&E provided ORA with historical data necessary to estimate such costs including, for example, applicable wage rates for field technicians (Ex. SDG&E-13-WP, pages 19 and 26), historical order volumes by order type (Ex. SDG&E-13, pages 9-11), historical average drive

1 time per work order (SAF-13, page 12), and historical average on premise time per work order
2 (Ex. SDG&E-13, page 13).

3 More importantly, SDG&E provided ORA with a compact disc (“CD”) copy of the Excel
4 forecasting model SDG&E used as the basis for its TY 2016 forecast (Ex. SDG&E-13-WP,
5 pages 15-27), including all forecasting assumptions for each specific work order type. The
6 model contains the order volume forecast for each order type. The model then factors in
7 multiple variables (i.e., on premise time per work order, drive time per order (to travel to and
8 from each work order), vacation & sickness rates, non-job time rates (e.g., for start/end of day
9 non-order work, breaks, etc., and meeting/training time rates)) to calculate the necessary hours
10 (FTEs) to perform the volume of forecasted work. To determine required funding, SDG&E
11 multiplied the total hours by a blended wage rate. For the TY 2016 forecast, SDG&E used 2013
12 base year data to calculate a blended wage rate of \$38.34 per hour. This rate is a blend of all
13 CSF job classifications and includes straight-time and overtime.

14 ORA has not raised any objections or concerns, or contested in any way, any of the
15 forecasting assumptions SDG&E used in its forecasting model. Rather, ORA merely makes a
16 broad-brush and erroneous assumption that because “historical costs” are not captured and
17 tracked by order type, it is not possible to forecast future costs. ORA’s assertion that the TY
18 2016 forecast must equal 2014 costs, strictly because historical costs are not available by order
19 type, is not based on the facts presented in Exs. SDG&E-13 and SDG&E-13-WP and should be
20 rejected.

21 **b. Adjustment to Account for Customer Growth**

22 ORA states,

23 *In SDG&E’s TY 2008 and 2012 GRCs, it included requests for*
24 *incremental funding associated with meter growth for this work group,*
25 *but its order volumes show declines between 2009-2013, in spite of its*
26 *meter growth. With this in mind, SDG&E’s forecast for order volumes*
27 *should not be based on its meter growth. (Ex. ORA-13, page 11, lines*
28 *17-20)*

29 ORA opposes SDG&E’s request for \$429,000 in incremental funding to cover projected
30 TY 2016 costs resulting from customer growth. SDG&E’s forecast reflects customer utilization
31 of CSF services on an average-orders-per-active meter (i.e., customer) basis. In its forecasting
32 model (Ex. SDG&E-13-WP, pages 15-27), SDG&E applied this “CSF usage rate” to the

1 forecasted growth in the number of gas customers projected in the testimony of SDG&E witness
 2 Rose-Marie Payan (Ex. SDG&E-32) and the number of electric customers projected in the
 3 testimony of SDG&E witness Kenneth E. Schiermeyer (Ex. SDG&E-31) to forecast TY 2016
 4 order volumes. Table SAF-7 below provides an illustrative example of the way SDG&E
 5 accounts for customer growth in its TY 2016 forecast. SDG&E utilized the same methodology in
 6 at least its last two GRC proceedings (TY 2009 and TY 2012). SDG&E also utilized the same
 7 methodology in developing its call volume forecast (Ex. SDG&E-14, page BMB-50), for which
 8 ORA raised no objections (Ex. ORA-13). Given that it is typically customer calls to SDG&E's
 9 call center that result in work orders being completed at customer premises, ORA's use of an
 10 inconsistent forecast methodology for the impact of customer growth on CSF orders should be
 11 rejected.

12 **TABLE SAF-7**
 13 **SDG&E's Orders per Active Meters Forecast Methodology**

	Historical					Forecast	Forecast Methodology
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2016	
Active Meters ³⁴	842,442	847,305	852,135	856,440	861,573	891,506	
CSO – No Gas	9,504	10,447	14,273	12,768	13,913	12,734	5-Year Average

14 **2016 Order** = Average $\left(\frac{2009 \text{ Orders}}{2009 \text{ Meters}}; \frac{2010 \text{ Orders}}{2010 \text{ Meters}}; \frac{2011 \text{ Orders}}{2011 \text{ Meters}}; \frac{2012 \text{ Orders}}{2012 \text{ Meters}}; \frac{2013 \text{ Orders}}{2013 \text{ Meters}} \right)$
 15 $\times 2016 \text{ Meters}$

16 **12,734** = Average $\left(\frac{9,504}{842,442}; \frac{10,447}{847,305}; \frac{14,273}{852,135}; \frac{12,768}{856,440}; \frac{13,913}{861,573} \right) \times 891,506$

17 **12,734** = Average (0.011281496; 0.012329682; 0.016749693; 0.014908221; 0.01614837)
 $\times 891,506$

18 **12,734** = 0.01428349 $\times 891,506$

19 ORA's above assertion is also based on flawed assumptions. As set forth numerically in
 20 Ex. SDG&E-13, pages 9-11, and graphically in SDG&E-13-WP, pages 28-80, and Appendix A of
 this testimony, nearly 70% of SDG&E's CSF work order types have experienced year-to-year

³⁴Because this order type is related only to gas, the "active meter" count includes only gas meters, not electric meters.

1 fluctuations in volumes from 2009-2013 and 2009-2014. In fact, although volumes have
2 historically fluctuated from year to year, many of the 70% trended upward in volume during the
3 period 2009-2013, as reflected on pages 35, 36, 37, 39, 50, 58, 61, 62, 69, 76, 77 and 78 of
4 SDG&E-13-WP, for example.

5 Lastly, ORA's proposal to disallow any funding for customer growth implies that new
6 customers should not be afforded the same CSF services as existing customers, which would not
7 be appropriate, is illogical and should be rejected.

8 c. **Adjustment to Account for Increased Drive Time Resulting From**
9 **Increased Traffic Congestion**

10 As mentioned previously, ORA's testimony regarding SDG&E is silent on the issue of
11 drive time even though ORA indicates it supports an annual 1% increase in drive time due to
12 increased traffic congestion for SoCalGas.³⁵ Like SoCalGas, SDG&E based its adjustment for
13 drive time on the same INRIX study of traffic congestion that SoCalGas relied upon, and on the
14 fact that, like SoCalGas, SDG&E's average drive time per order steadily increased (by more than
15 1% per year) from 2009-2013.³⁶ For these reasons, SDG&E's TY 2016 forecast of \$0.147
16 million for incremental costs associated with incremental drive time resulting from increased
17 traffic congestion should be adopted.

18 d. **New Services for Customers – Enhanced Customer Education and**
19 **Outreach Safety Checks**

20 ORA states, “SDG&E's historical expenses include embedded costs for performing
21 customer appliance safety checks and costs for various resources to educate customers on
22 SDG&E's programs.” (Ex. ORA-13, page 12, lines 3-5)

23 ORA opposes SDG&E's request for \$561,000 in funding beginning in TY 2016 for new
24 customer outreach safety checks, as set forth in Ex. SDG&E-13 (pages 15-16). ORA also
25 opposes SDG&E's request for \$231,000 in funding beginning in TY 2016 for new, expanded
26 customer education while field technicians are on customer premises, as set forth in Ex.
27 SDG&E-13 (page 15). ORA's assertion ignores the facts associated with SD&E's requests.

28 As set forth in Ex. SDG&E-13 (pages 15-16), the proposed outreach safety checks are for

³⁵ In Ex. ORA-13, page 52, lines 13-14, ORA states, “ORA does not take issue with SCG's projected 1% increase in drive time for TY 2016.”

³⁶ Ex. SDG&E-13, page SAF-12, Table SAF-7.

1 SDG&E customers who have not used any CSF services during at least the past seven years.³⁷
2 Therefore, there are no historical embedded costs that can be reallocated for this purpose as ORA
3 suggests. Similarly, SDG&E field technicians have not yet begun spending an additional 1.5
4 minutes with customers, while on premises, as SDG&E proposes, to educate customers on the
5 need for carbon monoxide (CO) detectors, as well as demonstrate using their new mobile data
6 terminals (MDTs) the types of safety, program and other information available to customers on
7 SDG&E's website. Senate Bill 183, the law requiring CO detectors, was just recently enacted.³⁸
8 And, as also explained in Ex. SDG&E-13, page 15, lines 1-21, SDG&E's field technicians have
9 not historically had access to the Internet in the field. Therefore there are no historical embedded
10 costs as ORA suggests.

11 ORA does not object to the merits of providing the two new services for customers that
12 SDG&E is proposing. In fact, in its testimony regarding identical new services proposed by
13 SoCalGas (Ex. ORA-13, page 54, lines 11-12), ORA recommends that SoCalGas be provided
14 with incremental funding in TY 2016. ORA provides no basis in its testimony for treating
15 SDG&E and SoCalGas inconsistently for identical services; therefore ORA's proposed
16 disallowances for these two new SDG&E services should be rejected.

17 Second, ORA states,

18 *ORA recommends that the Commission direct SDG&E to plan,*
19 *develop and implement customer pilot programs in the TY to track*
20 *the interest/requests made by customers and the related costs*
21 *incurred on SDG&E's proposed new customer offers/options. (Ex.*
22 *ORA-13, page 12, lines 5-8)*

23 ORA proposes that SDG&E be required to implement pilot programs, without any
24 funding to do so. Without the necessary funding, SDG&E would not be able to implement the
25 proposed new services, even on a pilot basis.

26 Costs associated with conducting customer outreach safety checks, as SDG&E proposes
27 (for customers who have not used SDG&E CSF services in at least the past seven years), include

³⁷ SDG&E maintains customer-specific records of completed CSF work orders for a period of seven years.

³⁸ SB 183, effective January 1, 2011 for new construction, requires customers to install CO detectors in all inhabited residences. The effective date of SB183 is July 1, 2011 for existing single family dwellings and January 1, 2013 for multi-family dwellings and buildings such as apartments and hotels.

1 not only the \$595,000 TY 2016 cost sponsored by witness Sara Franke (Ex. SDG&E-13, pages
2 15-16), but also \$48,000 in labor and \$281,000 in non-labor costs sponsored by witness Brad
3 Baugh (Ex. SDG&E-14, pages BMB-54 and BMB-101).³⁹ If the Commission orders SDG&E to
4 conduct a pilot program for SDG&E’s proposed customer outreach safety checks, the
5 Commission must approve all the costs associated with offering this new service to customers,
6 even in a pilot program.⁴⁰ Similarly, if the Commission requires field technicians to spend an
7 additional 1.5 minutes on customer premises, to pilot the enhanced customer education SDG&E
8 proposes, the Commission must authorize the \$245,000 in incremental funding sponsored by
9 witness Sara Franke (Ex. SDG&E-13, page 15) and \$19,000 in non-labor costs sponsored by
10 witness Brad Baugh (Ex. SDG&E-14, page 101) requested by SDG&E for this new service. To
11 the extent funding is authorized in this rate case, SDG&E is certainly willing to report in its next
12 rate case, the results of these two new services.⁴¹

13 As mentioned previously, ORA treats SoCalGas and SDG&E inconsistently in its
14 testimony, i.e., ORA recommends incremental funding for SoCalGas’ new service offerings
15 whereas ORA rejects incremental funding for identical proposed new service offerings for
16 SDG&E customers.⁴² ORA provides no rationale for this differentiated treatment of identical
17 programs between SDG&E and SoCalGas. Given that ORA recommended incremental funding
18 for SoCalGas,⁴³ SDG&E should be granted incremental funding for identical new services.

19 Third, ORA states, “*SDG&E should have embedded historical costs from completed or*
20 *eliminated projects that can be reallocated to address its proposed activities in the Test Year.*”
21 (Ex. ORA-13, page 12, lines 9-10)
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³⁹ SDG&E witness Brad Baugh (Ex. SDG&E-14, page BMB-54) sponsors costs associated with mailing postcards to targeted customers explaining this service, and responding to customer calls from these customers to schedule such service.

⁴⁰ Although ORA does not describe or define the scope of a “pilot program”, SDG&E infers that a pilot program is more limited in scope and scale than a program offered to all customers. Therefore, a pilot program would target a smaller population than the total customer base. Moreover, incremental GRC funding would be needed to properly administer, manage and assess the pilot program(s).

⁴¹ Tracking and reporting would be completed within any current system constraints as SDG&E has not requested incremental funding to make any system changes associated with these two proposed new services.

⁴² Ex. ORA-13, page 54, lines 11-12.

⁴³ ORA recommended dividing SoCalGas’ requested funding level by three. (Ex. ORA-13, page 54, lines 11-12).

1 ORA makes this assertion without providing any examples or facts to support its position.
2 In an effort to seek clarification, SDG&E sent a data request to ORA asking the following
3 question:⁴⁴

4 At Exhibit ORA-13, when referring to SDG&E's request for incremental funding for
5 the CSF cost categories, ORA states "SDG&E should have embedded historical costs
6 from completed or eliminated projects that can be reallocated to address its proposed
7 activities in the Test Year." For each location listed below where ORA recommends
8 this, please indicated which specific completed or eliminated projects ORA is
9 referring to.

- 10 a. CSF Operations on page 12, lines 9-10
11 b. CSF Support on page 14, lines 4-6

12 ORA responded to SDG&E's data request as follows:

13 In regards to "which specific completed or eliminated projects ORA is referring to"
14 see ORA's testimony pages 9-12. Note that SDG&E states that its CSF Operations
15 costs "are primarily driven by work order volumes." SDG&E's total work order
16 volumes declined by 406,493 between 2009-2013, from 725,946 in 2009 to 319,453
17 in 2013. **ORA was not able to compare SDG&E's forecast project costs to past
18 project costs or determine which projects have been completed or eliminated.
19 ORA assumes that SDG&E has at least completed some projects successfully
20 and that those costs can be reallocated to fund new activities. [emphasis added]**
21 SDG&E's testimony and workpapers did not include any historical cost data
22 associated with each of its fifty-six work order types for analysis.

23 The fact that ORA makes an assumption regarding projects does not make it so. ORA
24 does not provide any basis for its assertion, nor does ORA identify any specific costs it proposes
25 to reallocate. Contrary to ORA's assertion, the CSF Operations cost category is focused on
26 completing customer- and company-generated work orders at customer premises, not completing
27 projects. There are no project costs that can be reallocated. Where process improvements have
28 been undertaken, the associated cost reductions have already been incorporated into SDG&E's
29 TY 2016 forecast.⁴⁵

30 Given that CSF Operations expenses are driven by the activity levels (order volumes)
31 performed, ORA's proposal implies that SDG&E should no longer respond to customer requests
32 for CSF service in order to reallocate resources to new activities being proposed by SDG&E.

⁴⁴ A copy of SDG&E's data request, SEU-ORA-DR-06, Q.5., and ORA's response are provided in Appendix B.

⁴⁵ Ex. SDG&E-13, page 14, lines 11-22.

1 For the aforementioned reasons, ORA’s assertion and incorrect assumption should be rejected.

2 e. **Operator Qualification Training and AT&T Wireless Fees**

3 With respect to the other cost elements listed in Table SAF-3 above, ORA’s testimony is
4 silent regarding SDG&E’s request for \$0.038 million in incremental funding for more frequent
5 and expanded Operator Qualification (“OpQual”) training. ORA’s testimony is also silent with
6 respect to SDG&E’s request for \$0.037 million in incremental funding for AT&T wireless fees
7 associated with the new MDTs now used by field technicians. In its testimony regarding
8 SoCalGas, ORA supports a portion of the incremental funding SoCalGas requests for similar
9 changes to OpQual training. ORA supports SoCalGas’ forecast for the entire incremental cost
10 for AT&T wireless network access fees.⁴⁶ Given the rationale for these incremental costs is the
11 same for SDG&E as it is for SoCalGas, SDG&E’s incremental funding requests should be
12 adopted.

13 **2. UCAN**

14 In its testimony, UCAN makes the assertions reproduced below regarding SDG&E’s TY
15 2016 order volume forecasts for two CSF work order types (“Seasonal Off” and “Seasonal On
16 Singles” work orders), each of which will be addressed below.

17 UCAN states,

18 *Given the declining trend, it is more appropriate to base the forecast of*
19 *future seasonal CSO volume on the most recent year of data, as Ms.*
20 *Franke did for SoCalGas, than it is to employ a five-year average as was*
21 *done for SDG&E; however it would be preferable still to use an alternate*
22 *methodology that would capture the declining trend. (UCAN-Fulmer,*
23 *page 100, lines 6-10)*

24 Ex. SDG&E-13-WP (pages 28-80) contains order volume graphs showing historical order
25 volume patterns, as well as the basis for SDG&E’s TY 2016 order volume forecasts, for each CSF
26 work order type. The charts for all three SDG&E seasonal order types to which UCAN refers in
27 its testimony are replicated in Tables SAF-8, 9 and 10 below, updated to include 2014 order
28 volume data.

⁴⁶ Ex. ORA-13, pages 57, lines 22-24, and page 66, lines 8-9.

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TABLE SAF-8

SDG&E's TY 2016 Order Volume Forecast for "Seasonal Off" Work Orders

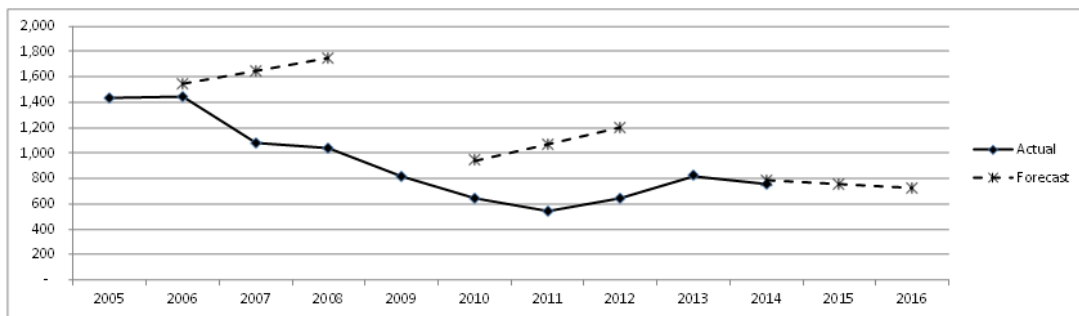
CSO - SEASONAL OFF

Source Customer Work
Order Group CSO
Order Type SEASONAL OFF

Description: This order type is used when a customer requests the gas to be shut off on a heating appliance. The field technician performs a safety check of the appliance and leaves the appliance off.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	691
4-Yr Avg	661
3-Yr Avg	668

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	1,436	1,440	1,076	1,036	811	639	541	642	821	756		
Forecast		1,542	1,646	1,751		941	1,072	1,202		788	756	723



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year and are impacted by external factors outside the company's control, e.g., weather fluctuations.

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TABLE SAF-9

SDG&E's TY 2016 Order Volume Forecast for "Seasonal On Multiples" Work Orders

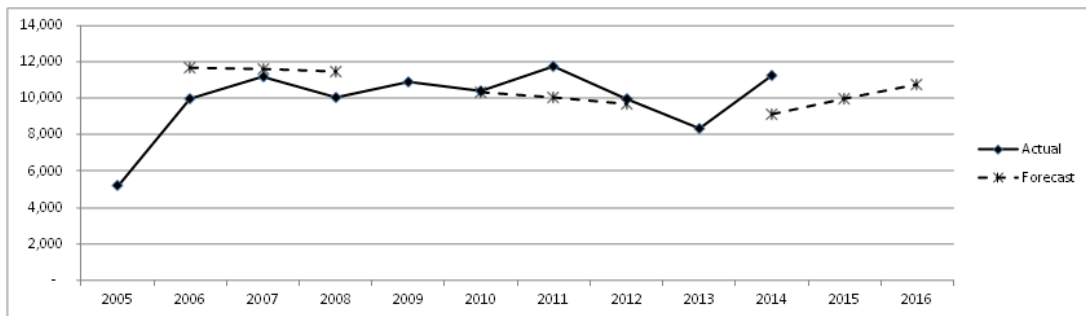
CSO - SEASONAL ON MULTIPLES

Source Customer Work
 Order Group CSO
 Order Type SEASONAL ON MULTIPLES

Description: This order type is used when a multi-unit premise, such as an assisted living establishment, requests that a service technician light the pilots on gas space heating appliances. The appliances are also checked for safety.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	10,256
4-Yr Avg	10,097
3-Yr Avg	10,005

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	5,172	9,967	11,170	10,016	10,893	10,373	11,726	9,951	8,339	11,228		
Forecast		11,687	11,579	11,472		10,339	10,020	9,700		9,139	9,939	10,739



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year and are impacted by external factors outside the company's control, e.g., weather fluctuations.

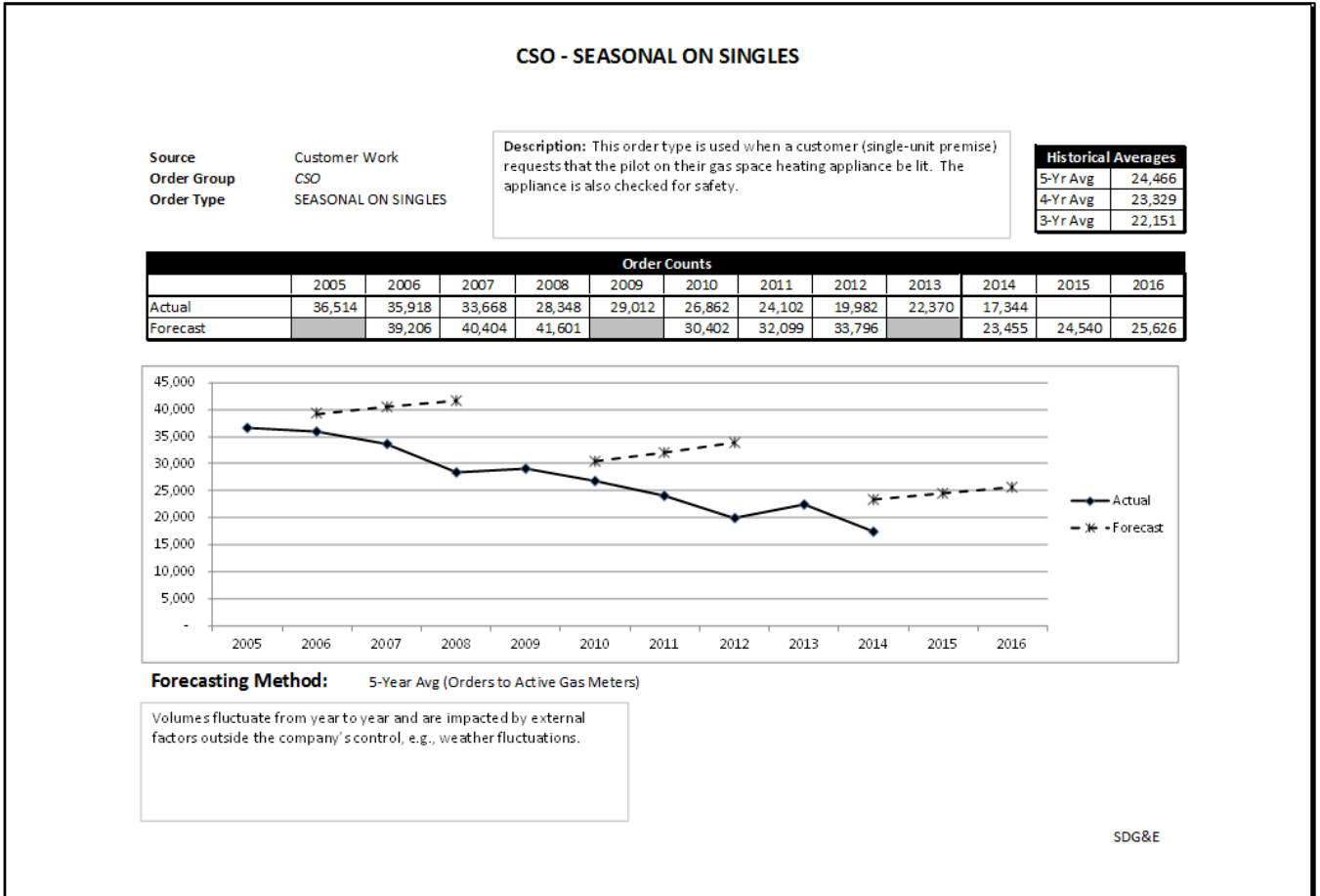
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TABLE SAF-10

SDG&E’s TY 2016 Order Volume Forecast for “Seasonal On Singles” Work Orders



3 The graph UCAN presents in its testimony (Ex. UCAN-Fulmer, page 100, Figure 20) as a basis for adopting the
 4 same forecast methodologies for both SDG&E and SoCalGas is an apples-to-oranges comparison of SDG&E and
 5 SoCalGas seasonal order types. That is, UCAN’s graph for SDG&E excludes “Seasonal On Multiples” whereas
 6 SoCalGas’ “Seasonal On” order type includes “multiples” (i.e., orders completed at multi-unit premises) in the
 7 “Seasonal On” order category. Given the year-to-year, up and down fluctuations in order volumes for SDG&E’s
 8 “Seasonal Off” and “Seasonal On Multiples” order types from 2009-2013, as reflected in Tables SAF 8 and 9 above,
 9 and the fact that these order types are largely driven by weather, which is outside SDG&E’s control, SDG&E’s use of a
 10 five-year average forecasting methodology is reasonable for these two seasonal order types.⁴⁷

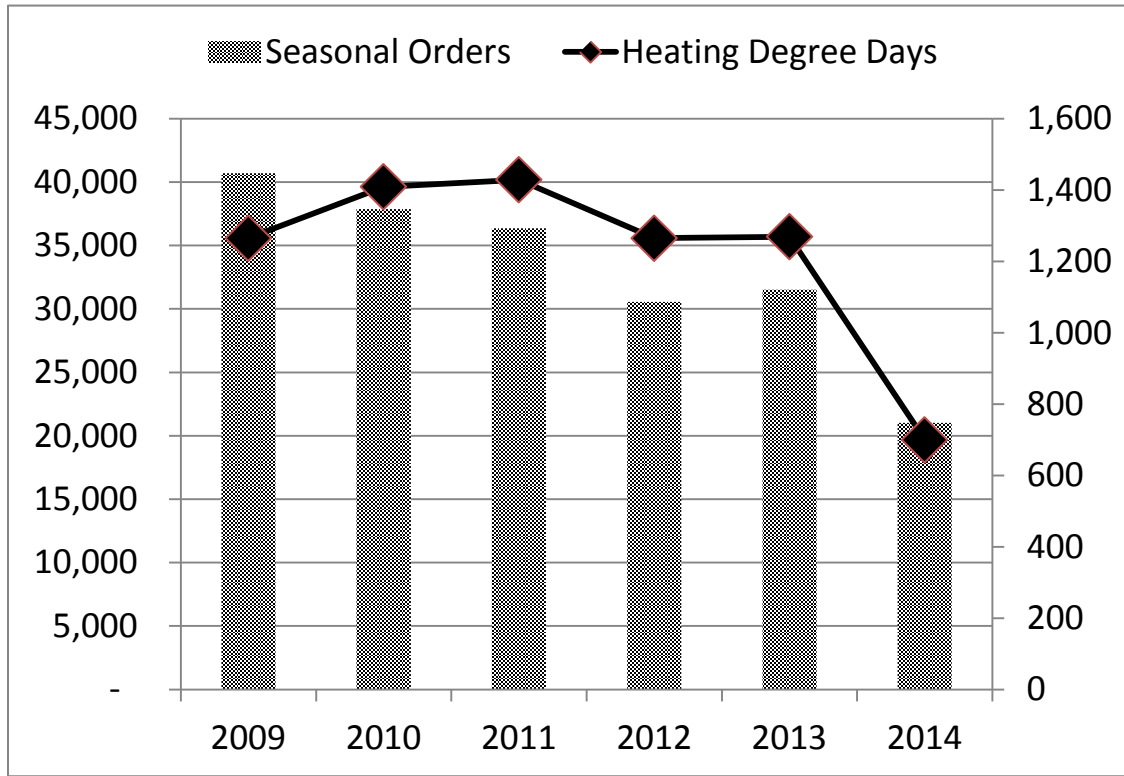
11 With respect to “Seasonal On Singles” work orders, SDG&E recognizes that, all other
 12 things including weather being equal, order volumes would likely decline over time due to the

⁴⁷ UCAN supports SDG&E’s use of a five-year average for the “Seasonal On Multiples” order type. (Ex. UCAN-Fulmer, page 102, Footnote 210).

1 fact that forced air space heating appliances in single-family dwellings are gradually being
2 replaced with pilotless ignition units. However, the impact that weather has on seasonal order
3 volumes cannot be ignored. As reflected in Table SAF-11 below, there is a strong correlation
4 between weather (e.g., Heating Degree Days, or “HDD”) and SDG&E’s seasonal order volumes.
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6 **TABLE SAF-11**

Correlation between Seasonal Order Volumes and Heating Degree Days



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8 The large decline in order volume for “Seasonal On Singles” work orders in 2014 was an
9 anomaly due to the unusual and significant drop in HDDs in 2014 compared to the previous five
10 years shown in Table SAF-11 above. However, all factors considered, for the TY 2016 order
11 volume forecast for SDG&E’s “Seasonal On Singles” order type, SDG&E agrees with UCAN
12 that it would be reasonable to use BY 2013 order volumes for this particular order type, as
13 SoCalGas did for its “Seasonal On” orders. Using BY 2013 order volumes for the TY 2016
14 forecast, rather than a five-year average, would result in a \$0.149 million reduction in SDG&E’s
15 TY 2016 forecast of expenses.
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1 Second, UCAN states,

2 *In order to capture the declining trend in the data, the forecast should*
3 *use an exponential trend analysis using the full set of historical data*
4 *provided in the utilities' workpapers (2005-2013 data). Using this data,*
5 *a more realistic forecast for both SDG&E and SoCalGas can be made*
6 *that captures the historical decline seen in the data. Use of an*
7 *exponential trend forecast would decrease the SDG&E and SoCalGas*
8 *projections of Seasonal CSO work order volume. The results of the*
9 *exponential forecast for SDG&E and SoCalGas are shown in Table 11*
10 *and Table 12 below.*⁴⁸ (UCAN-Fulmer, page 101, lines 2-7)

11 *UCAN Table 11: Comparison of*
12 *SDG&E and UCAN forecasts for Seasonal CSO*
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<i>Seasonal Off</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>SDG&E</i>	<i>788</i>	<i>756</i>	<i>723</i>
<i>UCAN</i>	<i>732</i>	<i>652</i>	<i>581</i>
	<i>-7%</i>	<i>-14%</i>	<i>-20%</i>
<i>Seasonal On (Singles)</i>			
<i>SDG&E</i>	<i>23,455</i>	<i>24,540</i>	<i>25,626</i>
<i>UCAN</i>	<i>20,715</i>	<i>19,182</i>	<i>17,762</i>
	<i>-12%</i>	<i>-22%</i>	<i>-31%</i>

14 (Note: The percentages in UCAN's above table reflect the
15 percentage reduction UCAN proposes making to SDG&E's order
16 volume forecasts, i.e., the percentage difference between the rows
17 marked as "UCAN" and "SDG&E".)

18 SDG&E takes issue with UCAN's proposed alternative forecasting methodology for
19 "Seasonal Off" and "Seasonal On Singles" order volumes. Table SAF-12 below compares the
20 percentage change in actual order volumes during each of the past three years versus the average
21 annual percentage change in order volumes proposed by UCAN for the next three years, 2014-
22 2016.
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⁴⁸ UCAN's Table 11, comparing UCAN's forecast with that of SoCalGas, is reproduced in the rebuttal testimony of SoCalGas witness Sara Franke (Ex. SCG-210).

TABLE SAF-12

Actual Versus Forecasted Order Volume Comparison – Percentage Change per Year

“Seasonal Off” Orders	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Percentage Change in Actual Order Volume Compared to Prior Year	-15.3%	+18.7%	+27.9%	-7.9%		
Average Annual Percentage Change in Actual Order Volumes	+10.4% (2011-2013)					
	+5.9% (2011-2014)					
SDG&E’s Order Volume Forecast ⁴⁹				-4.0%	0.0%	-4.0%
Average Annual Percentage Change Based on SDG&E’s Forecast				-2.7%		
UCAN’s Order Volume Forecast				-10.8%	-13.8% ⁵⁰	-10.9%
Average Annual Percentage Change Based on UCAN’s Forecast				-11.8%		
“Seasonal On Singles” Orders	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Percentage Change in Actual Order Volume Compared to Prior Year	-10.3%	-17.1%	+12%	-22.5%		
Average Annual Percentage Change in Actual Order Volumes	-5.1% (2011-2013)					
	-9.5% (2011-2014)					
SDG&E’s Order Volume Forecast ⁵¹				+4.9%	+41.5% ⁵²	+4.4%
Average Annual Percentage Change Based on SDG&E’s Forecast				+16.9% ⁵³		
UCAN’s Order Volume Forecast				-7.4%	+10.6%	-7.4%
Average Annual Percentage Change Based on UCAN’s Forecast				-1.4%		

As reflected in Table SAF-12 above, for “Seasonal Off” orders, UCAN’s proposed forecast methodology yields an average annual *decrease* in order volumes of 11.8% for the period 2014-2016 whereas order volumes have *increased* an average of 10.4% during the most recent three-year period (2011-2013). UCAN’s proposed forecasting methodology yields unreasonable results and should therefore be rejected.

⁴⁹ Forecast accounts for projected meter growth, using the orders-per-active-meter forecasting methodology described earlier in this testimony.

⁵⁰ Forecasted 2015 order volume compared to actual 2014 order volume.

⁵¹ Forecast accounts for projected meter growth, using the orders-per-active-meter forecasting methodology described earlier in this testimony.

⁵² Forecasted 2015 order volume compared to actual 2014 order volume.

⁵³ The significant drop in 2014 order volumes was an anomaly caused by an unusual and significant drop in the number of HDDs in 2014 compared to the previous five years.

1 For “Seasonal On Singles” orders, UCAN’s proposed forecasting methodology yields
2 more reasonable results than it did for “Seasonal Off” orders, based only on a limited comparison
3 of changes in order volumes during the last three years. However, UCAN’s proposed forecasting
4 methodology ignores the impact of weather. A change in weather conditions, e.g., a return to
5 higher HDDs, will likely cause order volumes to increase, in spite of the gradual replacement of
6 forced air units in single family dwellings. Again, all factors considered, use of BY 2013
7 “Seasonal On Singles” order volumes, rather than a five-year average as SDG&E proposed,
8 would be appropriate for this order type as UCAN suggests above.

9 Third, UCAN states, *“There is no material difference in the drivers of Seasonal CSO*
10 *work order volume for SDG&E and SoCalGas. It would be more appropriate to forecast work*
11 *volumes using the same methodology both utilities.”* (Ex. UCAN-Fulmer, page 99, lines 18-20)

12 UCAN supports SDG&E’s use of a five-year average forecasting methodology for
13 SDG&E’s seasonal order type, “Seasonal On Multiples”⁵⁴, but UCAN proposes an alternative
14 forecasting methodology for SoCalGas’ “Seasonal On” orders, which include both multi-family
15 and single-family orders within a single order type. UCAN’s own testimony contradicts UCAN’s
16 above assertion.

17 As reflected in the order volume graphs for both SDG&E and SoCalGas (Ex SDG&E-13-
18 WP, pages 42-44, and Ex. SCG-10-WP, pages 38-39), the historical order volume patterns for
19 SDG&E and SoCalGas are different for each of the seasonal order types.⁵⁵ Contrary to UCAN’s
20 assertion, the historical order volume patterns do not suggest that the drivers impacting order
21 volumes are identical between the two utilities. While drivers may fall into the same general
22 categories, e.g., weather, customer appliance choices, the shift from pilot to pilotless forced air
23 units for single-family dwellings, the state of the economy and energy prices, they manifest
24 themselves very differently in terms of the order volume patterns for each utility, as reflected in
25 the above-referenced workpapers. Therefore, it would be inappropriate to apply the same forecast
26 methodology across all seasonal order types for both SDG&E and SoCalGas. Rather, each order

⁵⁴ In Ex. UCAN-Fulmer (page 102, footnote 210), UCAN states, “SDG&E presents two forecasts for Seasonal On CSOs, one for singles and one for multiples. I have adjusted the forecast only for singles because the multiples dataset does not show the declining trend seen in the other CSO datasets. It is therefore reasonable to use SDG&E’s forecast for “Seasonal On Multiples.”

⁵⁵ Seasonal order types for SoCalGas are “Seasonal Off” and “Seasonal On”. Seasonal order types for SDG&E are “Seasonal Off”, “Seasonal On Singles”, and “Seasonal On Multiples”.

1 type forecast must be evaluated on its own merits as SDG&E has done in its TY 2016 forecast.

2 Aside from the order volume forecasts for SDG&E' three seasonal order types, UCAN did
3 not take issue with, object to, or contest any other aspect of SoCalGas' TY 2016 funding request.

4 3. SDCAN

5 SDCAN presents the following data and assertion regarding the number of missed
6 appointments and credits SDG&E paid to customers, which are addressed below:

Year	Orders Scheduled	Missed Appointments	Credit
2010	127,066	47	\$1,780
2011	101,386	59	\$2,150
2012	84,436	66	\$2,580
2013	77,605	84	\$3,885
2014	68,195	139	\$5,400
Totals	458,688	395	\$15,795

7 SDCAN states,

8 *SDCAN is concerned recommends that this trend shows a significantly*
9 *growing number of appointments missed and credits paid to customers.*
10 *In light of so many technological communication improvements, these*
11 *missed appointments and customer credits should be dropping, not*
12 *increasing. SDG&E should be obligated to split the costs of the*
13 *program with shareholders until the next SDG&E GRC, at which time, if*
14 *it provides evidence of reduced missed appointments, the program*
15 *might, once again, be fully funded by ratepayers. (Ex. SDCAN-Shames,*
16 *page 29-30)*

17 As reflected in Table SAF-13 below, SDG&E's missed Service Guarantee appointments
18 comprise less than half a percent of total orders scheduled.

19 **TABLE SAF-13**

20 **Missed Appoints as a Percentage of Orders Scheduled**

Year	Orders Scheduled	Missed Appointments	% Missed
2010	127,066	47	0.04%
2011	101,386	59	0.06%
2012	84,436	66	0.08%
2013	77,605	84	0.11%
2014	68,195	139	0.20%
Totals	458,688	395	0.09%

1 While the percentage of missed appointments is very small as a percentage of orders
 2 scheduled, the increase is at least partially attributable to the fact that the volume of Priority1
 3 (“P1”) emergency orders increased significantly during the same time period. As reflected in
 4 Table SAF-14 below, P1 order volumes have increased by 27% from 2011-2014.⁵⁶ During the
 5 same time period, SDG&E reduced its emergency P1 order response time from an average of
 6 approximately 50 minutes in 2011 to an average of approximately 39.5 minutes in 2014.

7 **TABLE SAF-14**

8 **SDG&E Response Time Performance for All P1 Orders**

Year	P1 Orders	Average Response Time (Minutes)
2011	6,783	50.0
2012	7,208	41.5
2013	8,273	40.9
2014	8,606	39.5

9 The increase in missed appointments was an unintended consequence of increased
 10 emergency P1 orders and SDG&E’s focus on improving P1 response times. SDG&E has been
 11 taking steps to maintain its improved P1 response times while, at the same time, reduce the
 12 number of missed appointments, including monitoring daily reports of missed appointments and
 13 following up with employees as appropriate to ensure emphasis is being placed on scheduled
 14 appointments.

15 **B. CSF Supervision Cost Category**

16 ORA supports SDG&E’s TY 2016 forecast for the CSF Supervision cost category. No
 17 other party raised any objections to or contested SDG&E’s forecast. Therefore, SDG&E’s TY
 18 2016 funding request of \$1.484 million for the CSF Supervision cost category should be
 19 approved.

20 **C. CSF Dispatch Cost Category**

21 ORA supports SDG&E’s TY 2016 forecast for the CSF Dispatch cost category. No other
 22 party raised any objections to or contested SDG&E’s forecast. Therefore, SDG&E’s TY 2016
 23 funding request of \$3.002 million CSF Dispatch should be approved.

⁵⁶ Source: Ex. SDG&E-13, page SAF-F-1, updated to include 2014 data.

1 TY 2016 and be non-recurring. Therefore, SDG&E would not object to adjusting this cost to
2 \$31,000 (\$93,000 divided by three years). Although ORA does not object to the need for new
3 training equipment, ORA's use of 2013 adjusted-recorded costs causes ORA to exclude this cost
4 from its TY 2016 forecast. For the reasons set forth herein, the Commission should include an
5 incremental \$31,000 in TY 2016 funding for training equipment for the undisputed reasons set
6 forth in SDG&E's testimony.⁵⁷

7 Third, ORA states, "*SDG&E should have embedded historical costs from completed or*
8 *eliminated projects and positions that can be reallocated to address its proposed activities in the*
9 *Test Year.*" (Ex. ORA-13, page 14, lines 4-6)

10 ORA suggests that SDG&E "should" have embedded historical costs from completed or
11 eliminated projects and positions that can be reallocated; however ORA does not provide any
12 examples of such costs or positions. As set forth on page 11 of this testimony, ORA's response
13 to data request SEU-ORA-DR-06, Q. 2. confirms that ORA's assumption is just an erroneous
14 assumption. SDG&E has completed capital CSF projects, but any reallocation of capital costs to
15 O&M would result in an increase in O&M costs contrary to ORA's assertion. Because ORA
16 provides no substantiation for its assertion, ORA's recommendation should be rejected.

17 **2. Other Parties**

18 UCAN, SDCAN and TURN did not raise any objections to or contest SDG&E's TY
19 2016 forecast for the CSF Support cost category.

20 **E. Other Issues**

21 **1. TURN**

22 TURN identifies CSF costs totaling \$2,034 dollars for "tickets to sporting and cultural
23 events", which TURN proposes be removed from the TY 2016 forecast. TURN states, "*These*
24 *costs are not necessary to provide utility service and should be removed.*" (Ex. TURN-Marcus,
25 *pages 46-47*)

26 Non-monetary means are used to recognize employees who go above and beyond the call
27 of duty or achieve extraordinary results. The \$2,034 dollar cost incurred for sporting tickets in
28 2013 was a means SDG&E utilized to differentiate and reward top performance by employees.
29 Recognizing and rewarding top performers in this manner is an appropriate business expense.

⁵⁷ Ex. SDG&E-13, page 21, lines 13-22.

1 **IV. REBUTTAL TO PARTIES' CAPITAL PROPOSALS**

2 **A. Summary Comparison of the Parties' Capital Proposals**

3 Table SAF-16 below provides a summary comparison of the parties' capital proposals.

4 **TABLE SAF-16**
5 **Capital Proposals**

TOTAL CAPITAL - Constant 2013 (\$000)			
	2014	2015	2016
SDG&E	121	0	0
ORA	306	0	0

6 **1. ORA**

7 ORA's IT capital witness recommends utilizing 2014 adjusted-recorded capital
8 expenditures for 2014 capital costs.⁵⁸

9 **2. Other Parties**

10 None of the other intervening parties raised any objections or concerns regarding
11 SDG&E's TY 2016 capital forecast.

12 **V. CONCLUSION**

13 SDG&E presented detailed forecasting assumptions and rationale for each and every TY
14 2016 funding request put forth in its testimony, none of which have been challenged on their
15 merits by ORA. ORA presents only broad-brushed assertions throughout its testimony, which
16 are not substantiated, are based on erroneous assumptions and/or ignore altogether the details and
17 merits of SDG&E's testimony and workpapers.

18 UCAN's sole proposal is to modify the forecasting methodology for two of SDG&E's
19 fifty-six work order types, "Seasonal Off" and "Seasonal On Singles" work orders. UCAN does
20 not present an associated dollar amount by which it proposes to reduce SDG&E's TY 2016
21 forecast of expenses. Regardless, UCAN's proposed forecasting methodology would yield
22 unreasonable and illogical results as illustrated in this rebuttal testimony. If the Commission
23 adopts the use of BY 2013 order volumes for the TY 2016 forecast for "Seasonal On Singles"
24 work orders, as UCAN also suggested, SDG&E's forecast of TY 2016 expenses would need to
25 be reduced by \$0.149 million.

⁵⁸Ex. ORA-15, page 2, and Table 15-2 on page 3.

1 The only issue SDCAN raised pertains to missed appointments, which SDG&E has fully
2 addressed in this testimony. TURN's only proposal – to eliminate \$2,034 dollars in employee
3 recognition costs – should also be rejected for the reasons set forth in this testimony.

4 For the aforementioned reasons, the Commission should adopt SDG&E's TY 2016
5 forecast of expenses for CSF activities, reject the cost forecasts put forth by ORA, and address
6 UCAN's proposed reduction in "Seasonal On Singles" work order volumes in the manner set
7 forth in this testimony.

8 This concludes my prepared rebuttal testimony.

**APPENDIX
TO
REBUTTAL TESTIMONY
OF
SARA FRANKE
ON BEHALF OF SDG&E
CUSTOMER SERVICES FIELD**

APPENDIX ATTACHMENTS

- A. Work Order Volume Forecast by Individual Order Type, Updated to Include 2014 Data
- B. SDG&E Data Request (SEU-ORA-DR-06) and ORA Responses

Appendix A - Work Order Volume Forecasts by Individual Order Type, Updated to Include 2014 Data

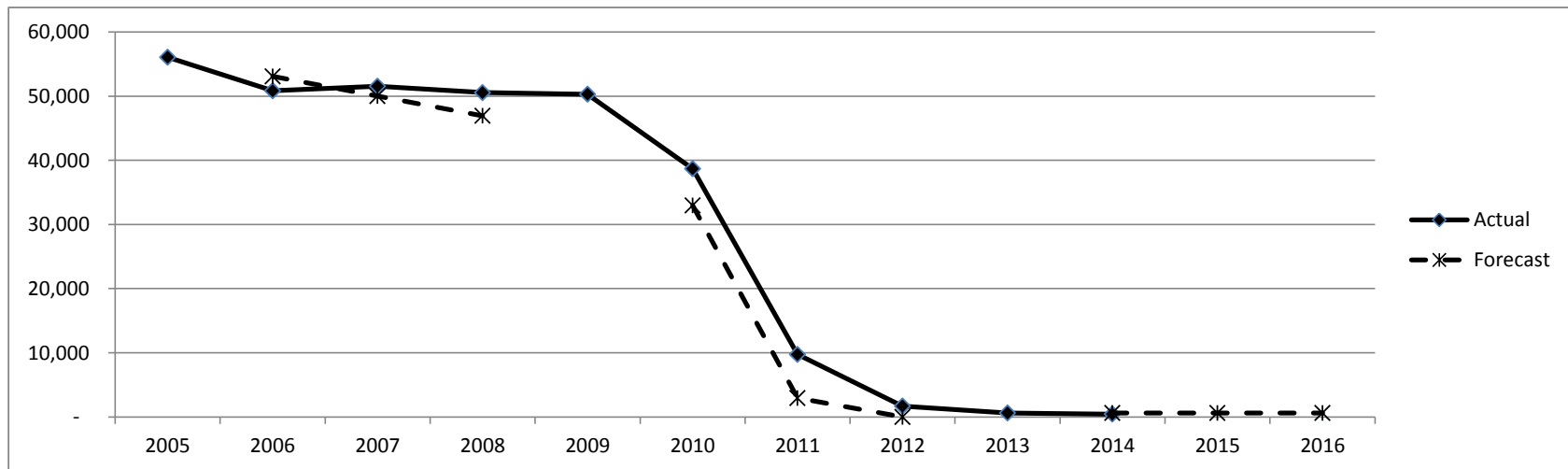
CHANGE OF ACCOUNT - CA ELEC

Source Customer Work
Order Group Change of Account
Order Type CA ELEC

Description: This order type is used for field work performed to establish a new customer's account for electric service. No appliance work is performed.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	20,197
4-Yr Avg	12,672
3-Yr Avg	4,008

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	56,042	50,847	51,525	50,544	50,294	38,665	9,749	1,672	603	435		
Forecast		53,087	50,018	46,949		32,966	2,946	-		609	614	620



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Active Electric Meters)

This order type is impacted by Smart Meter. 2013 is the first full year post Smart Meter implementation.

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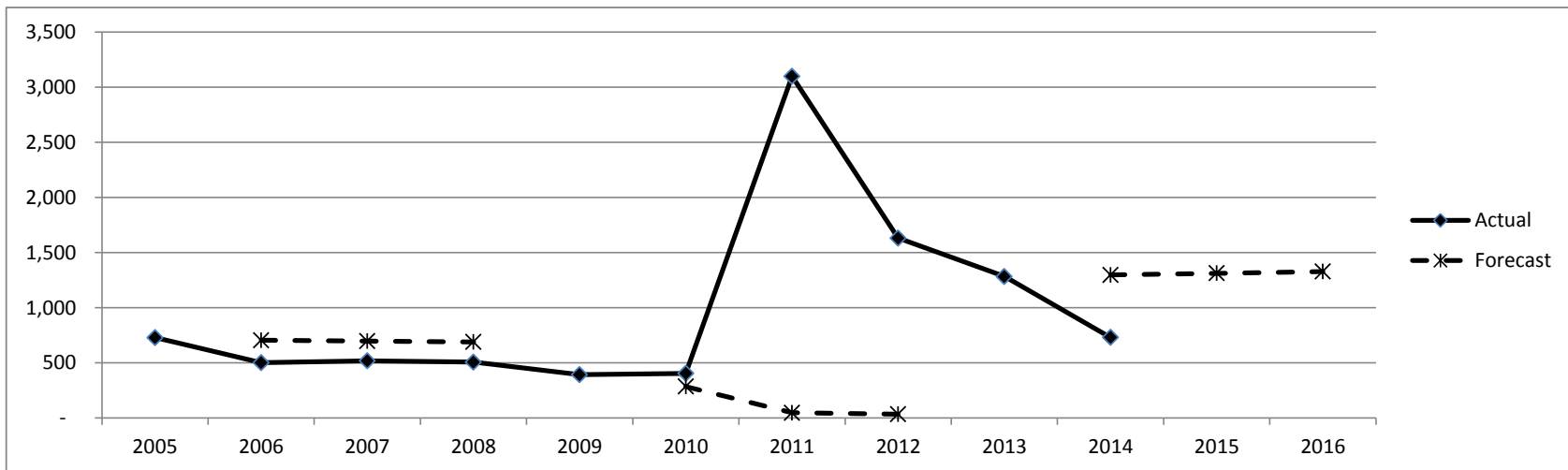
CHANGE OF ACCOUNT - CA GAS

Source Customer Work
Order Group Change of Account
Order Type CA GAS

Description: This order type is used for field work performed to establish a new customer's account for gas service. These orders are issued when the gas meter had previously been closed.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	1,361
4-Yr Avg	1,604
3-Yr Avg	2,004

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	728	501	516	505	392	402	3,099	1,631	1,282	729		
Forecast		704	696	688		284	46	32		1,297	1,312	1,327



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

This order type is impacted by Smart Meter. 2013 is the first full year post Smart Meter implementation.

SDG&E

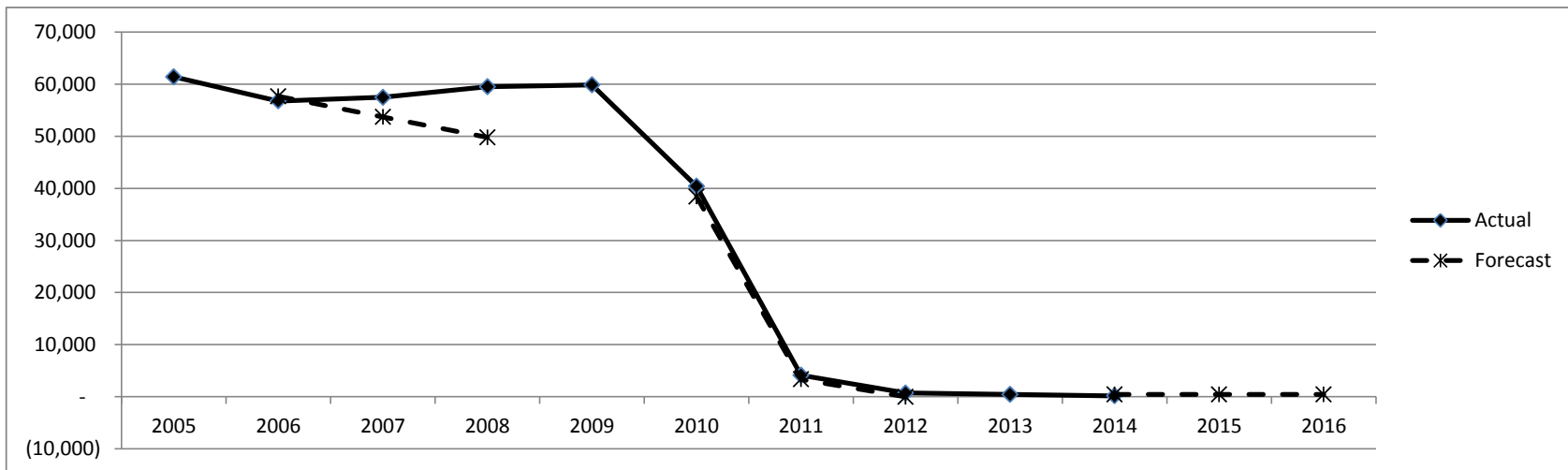
CHANGE OF ACCOUNT - CA GAS ELEC

Source Customer Work
Order Group Change of Account
Order Type CA Gas and Elec

Description: This order type is used for field work performed to establish a new customer's account for gas and electric service. These orders are issued when the electricity cannot be turned on remotely and the gas meter has been closed.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	21,110
4-Yr Avg	11,418
3-Yr Avg	1,755

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	61,410	56,773	57,468	59,528	59,875	40,409	4,145	697	422	175		
Forecast		57,669	53,721	49,773		38,395	3,342	(0)		426	431	435



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Total Active Meters)

This order type is impacted by Smart Meter. 2013 is the first full year post Smart Meter implementation.

SDG&E

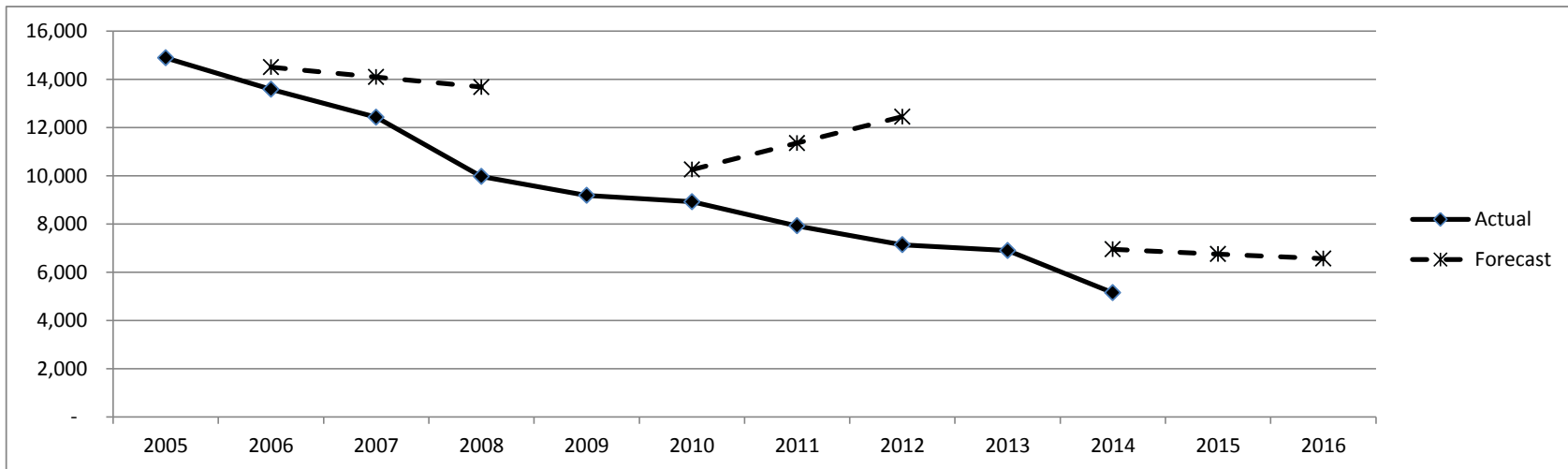
CHANGE OF ACCOUNT - GIVE NOTICE

Source Customer Work
Order Group Change of Account
Order Type Give Notice

Description: This is a service order for which a field technician was going to shut off gas service but, while at the premises, determines that a new occupant has moved in. The new occupant is given a 24-hour notice of the requirement to establish an account. The gas is left on.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	8,013
4-Yr Avg	7,720
3-Yr Avg	7,320

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	14,891	13,589	12,423	9,968	9,183	8,922	7,921	7,136	6,902	5,146		
Forecast		14,504	14,093	13,682		10,259	11,353	12,447		6,952	6,751	6,566



Forecasting Method: Base Year + OBR Adjustment (Orders to Total Active Meters)

This order type is impacted by Smart Meter. 2013 is the first full year post Smart Meter implementation. An adjustment was made to account for an anticipated reduction in order volumes resulting from the Off But Registering project.

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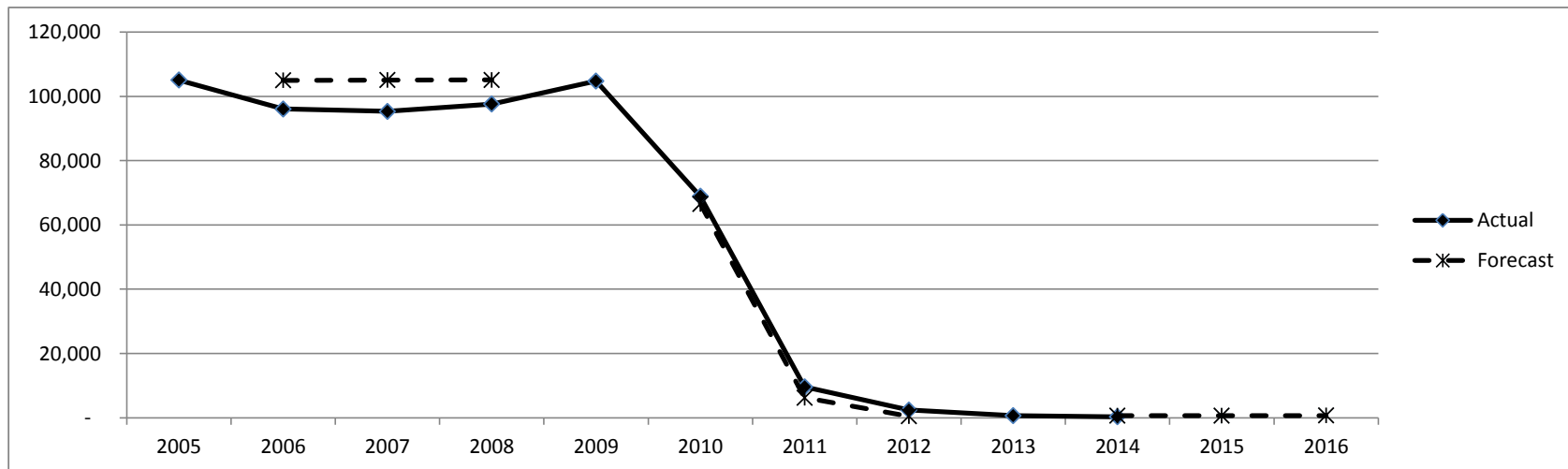
CHANGE OF ACCOUNT - RTO

Source Customer Work
Order Group Change of Account
Order Type RTO

Description: This is a "Return to Owner" order. This order type is used when a tenant moves out. Responsibility for the account is moved to the property owner and a field technician restores service.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	37,246
4-Yr Avg	20,377
3-Yr Avg	4,208

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	105,060	96,065	95,316	97,616	104,720	68,884	9,577	2,389	658	304		
Forecast		104,982	105,046	105,111		66,536	6,216	455		665	672	678



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Total Active Meters)

This order type is impacted by Smart Meter. 2013 is the first full year post Smart Meter implementation.

SDG&E

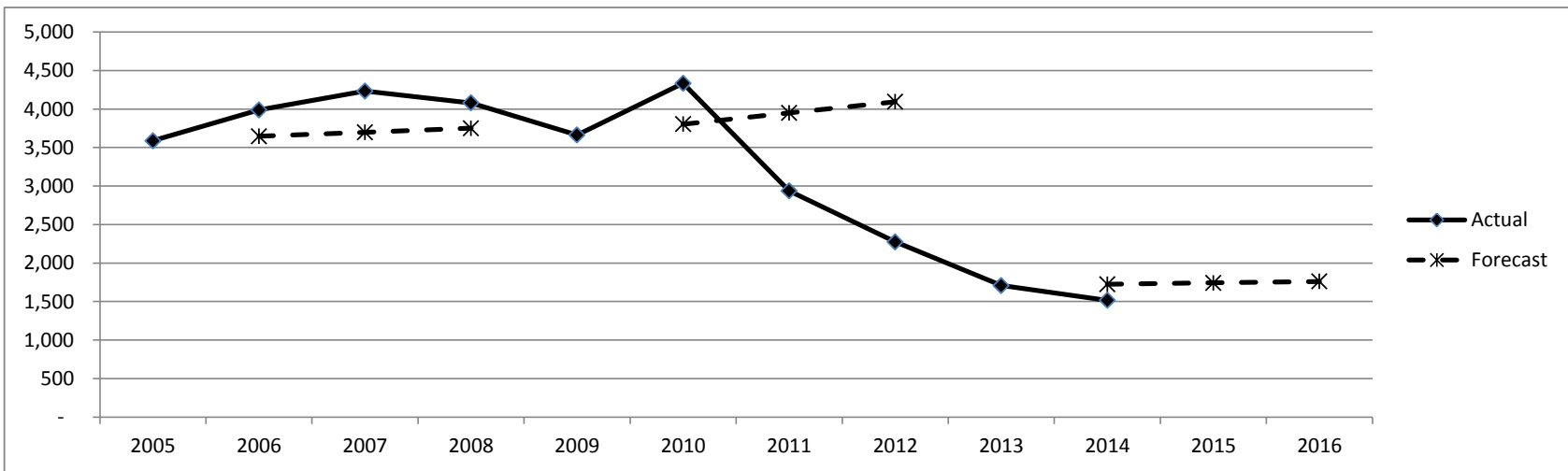
COLLECTIONS - CREDIT SHUT OFF

Source Collections
Order Group Collections
Order Type Credit Shut Off

Description: This order type is used when a customer's service is manually shut off for nonpayment.

Order Averages	
5-Yr Avg	2,983
4-Yr Avg	2,813
3-Yr Avg	2,306

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	3,587	3,988	4,232	4,079	3,661	4,334	2,937	2,274	1,707	1,516		
Forecast		3,646	3,698	3,750		3,804	3,949	4,094		1,725	1,742	1,760



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Total Active Meters)

This order type is impacted by Smart Meter. 2013 is the first full year post Smart Meter.

SDG&E

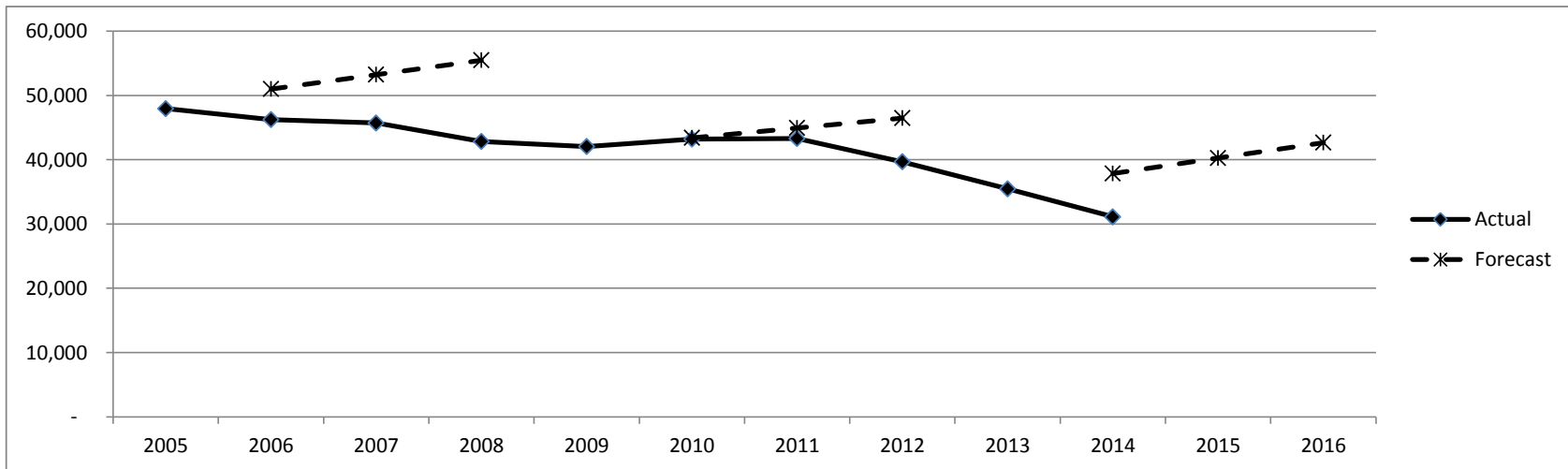
CSO - APPLIANCE ADJUSTMENTS

Source Customer Work
Order Group CSO
Order Type APPLIANCE ADJUSTMENTS

Description: This order type is used when a customer requests service on a gas appliance (e.g., inoperative water heater).

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	40,734
4-Yr Avg	40,411
3-Yr Avg	39,479

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	47,933	46,223	45,702	42,815	42,027	43,209	43,302	39,678	35,456	31,111		
Forecast		50,987	53,234	55,480		43,398	44,941	46,484		37,853	40,249	42,646



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year and are impacted by external factors outside the company's control, e.g., the economy, customers' appliance/equipment choices and condition, and weather and associated requests to check space heating equipment.

SDG&E

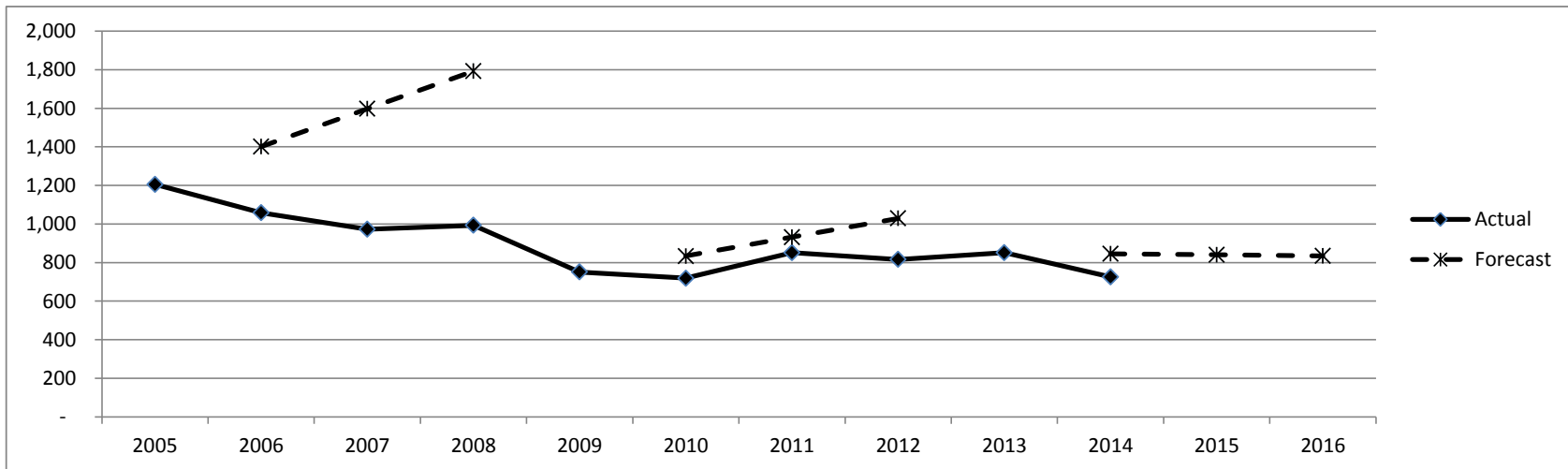
CSO - APPLIANCE MECHANIC WORK

Source Customer Work
Order Group CSO
Order Type Appliance Mechanic Work

Description: This order type is used when a field technician performs gas appliance/equipment work at a commercial/industrial facility, as well as for follow-up orders where a higher skilled technician is needed to service a customer's gas appliance.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	798
4-Yr Avg	809
3-Yr Avg	839

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	1,205	1,058	973	993	751	719	851	816	851	725		
Forecast		1,402	1,597	1,793		834	931	1,029		845	840	834



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year and are impacted by external factors outside the company's control, e.g., the economy, customers' appliance/equipment choices and condition, and weather and associated requests to check space heating equipment.

SDG&E

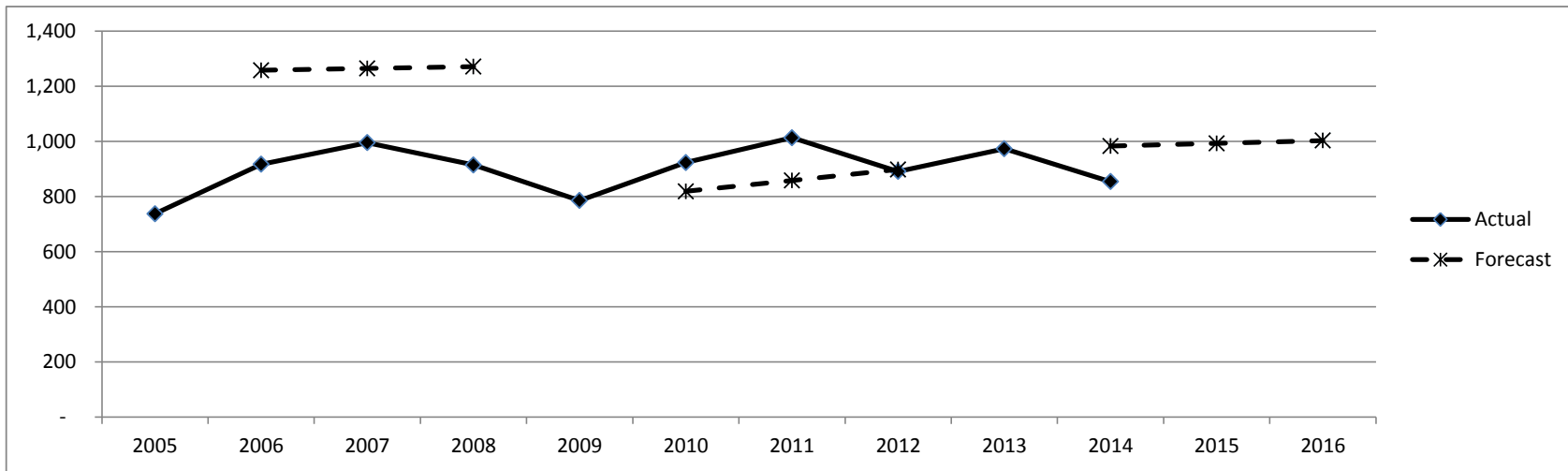
CSO - CARBON MONOXIDE-EMERGENCY

Source Customer Work
Order Group CSO
Order Type Carbon Monoxide-Emergency

Description: This order type is used when a customer reports Carbon Monoxide (CO) symptoms or was transported for medical treatment where CO poisoning is suspected. The field technician validates the operation of the gas appliances and takes action to repair or make the appliance safe, as needed.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	917
4-Yr Avg	950
3-Yr Avg	959

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	737	917	995	914	785	923	1,013	891	973	854		
Forecast		1,258	1,264	1,271		819	858	898		983	993	1,003



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Total Active Meters)

2013 reflects the most recent experience since Senate Bill 183 was enacted with the requirement to install CO detectors in residential dwellings.

SDG&E

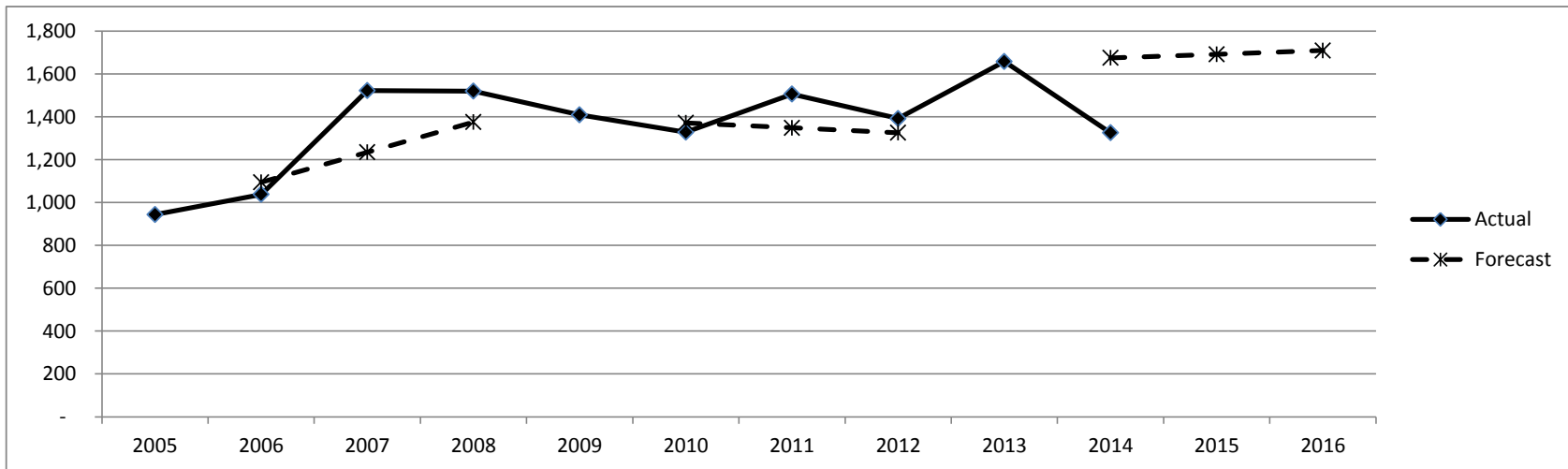
CSO - CARBON MONOXIDE-NON EMERGENCY

Source Customer Work
Order Group CSO
Order Type Carbon Monoxide-Non Emergency

Description: This is a service order for which the customer has requested that a field technician check their premises for Carbon Monoxide (CO); the customer has not experienced any CO symptoms.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	1,459
4-Yr Avg	1,471
3-Yr Avg	1,519

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	944	1,038	1,522	1,520	1,409	1,328	1,506	1,392	1,658	1,326		
Forecast		1,095	1,235	1,375		1,372	1,349	1,326		1,675	1,692	1,709



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Total Active Meters)

2013 reflects the most recent experience since Senate Bill 183 was enacted with the requirement to install CO detectors in residential dwellings.

SDG&E

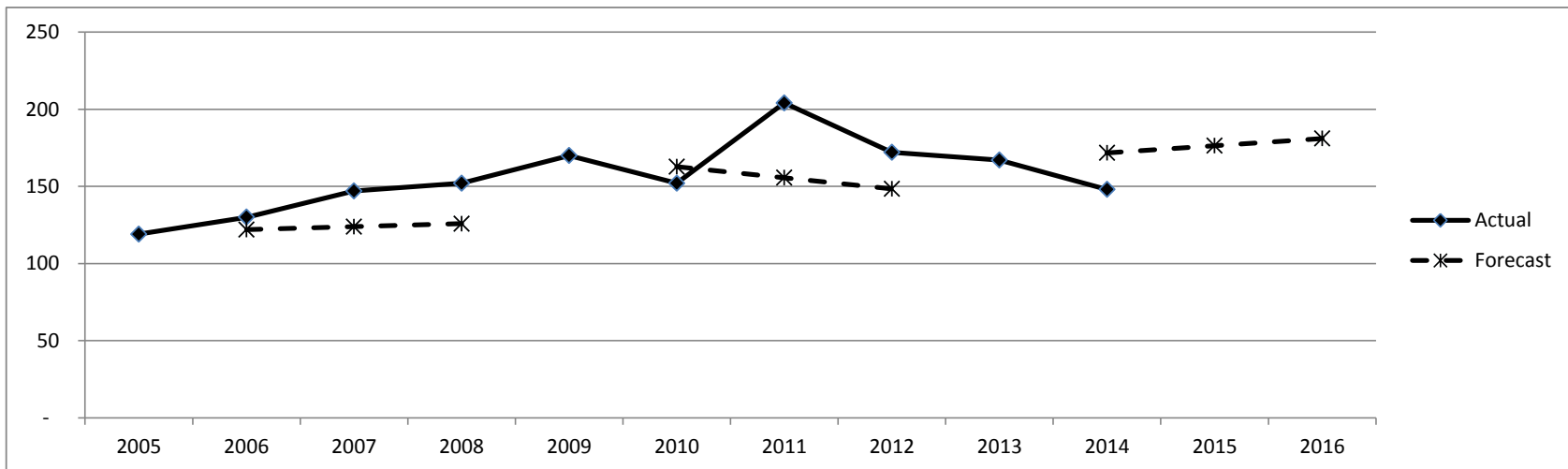
CSO - HIGH PRESSURE

Source Customer Work
Order Group CSO
Order Type HIGH PRESSURE

Description: This order type is used when a customer has reported possible pressure problems at an appliance. The field technician checks the appliance for proper operation, as well as the pressure supplied at the meter.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	173
4-Yr Avg	174
3-Yr Avg	181

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	119	130	147	152	170	152	204	172	167	148		
Forecast		122	124	126		163	156	148		172	176	181



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year and are impacted by external factors outside the company's control, e.g., conditions which may cause a customer's appliance to not work properly.

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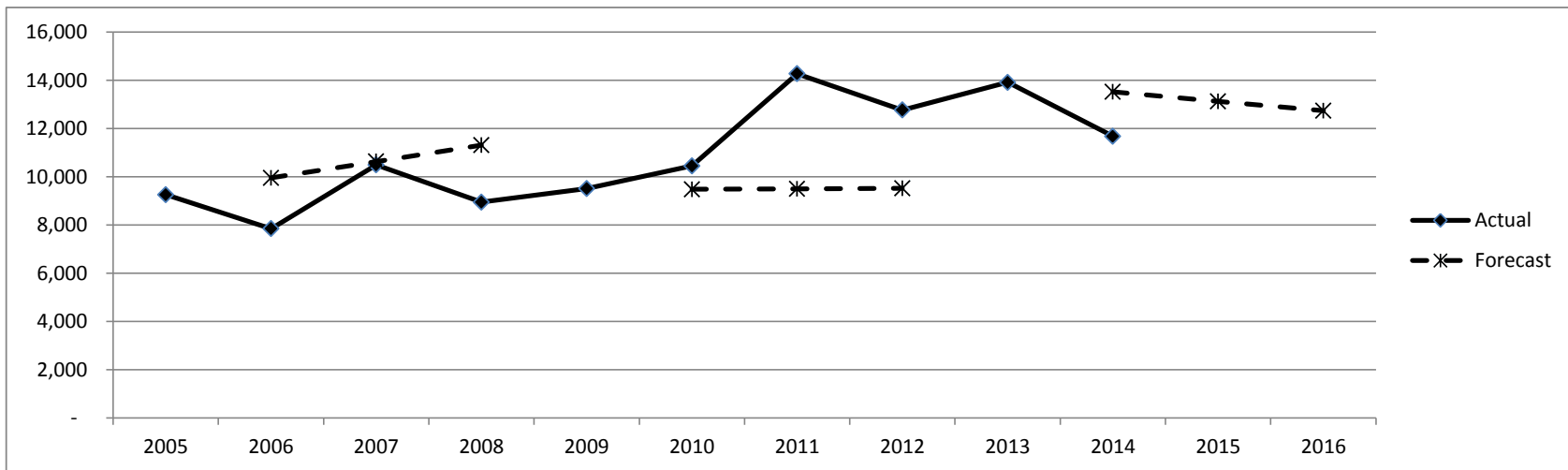
CSO - NO GAS

Source Customer Work
Order Group CSO
Order Type NO GAS

Description: This is a service order for which a customer has indicated they have no gas. The field technician investigates the source of the problem, takes corrective action and restores gas service as needed.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	12,181
4-Yr Avg	12,850
3-Yr Avg	13,651

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	9,258	7,844	10,491	8,946	9,504	10,447	14,273	12,768	13,913	11,679		
Forecast		9,954	10,630	11,307		9,479	9,497	9,515		13,520	13,127	12,734



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year and are impacted by external factors outside the company's control, e.g., malfunctioning equipment or other conditions which may cause a customer to be without gas.

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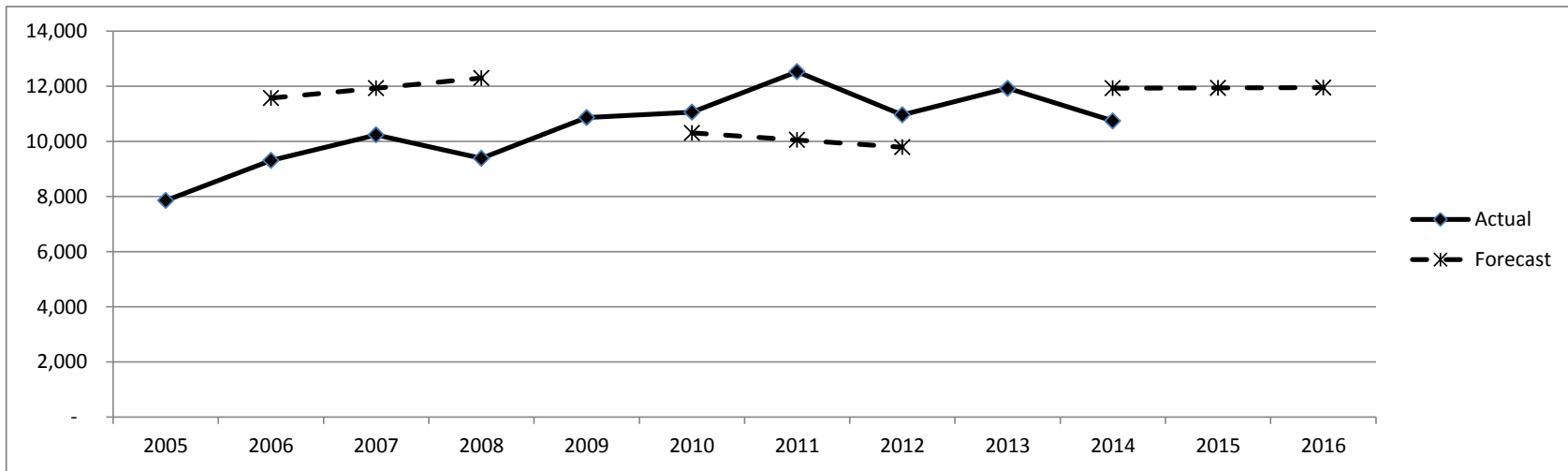
CSO - OTHER MISC GAS ELEC CUSTOMER REQUESTS

Source Customer Work
Order Group CSO
Order Type OTHER MISC GAS & ELEC CUSTOMER REQUESTS

Description: This order type is used when a customer calls with a non-standard request. For example, they have no power in a portion of their home or want to know if an exposed pipe in their yard is a gas line. The service technician investigates the customer's concern.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	11,467
4-Yr Avg	11,617
3-Yr Avg	11,803

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	7,853	9,310	10,238	9,387	10,864	11,059	12,526	10,960	11,924	10,741		
Forecast		11,570	11,934	12,298		10,307	10,048	9,788		11,932	11,940	11,948



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Total Active Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year and are impacted by external factors outside the company's control, e.g., conditions at customer premises.

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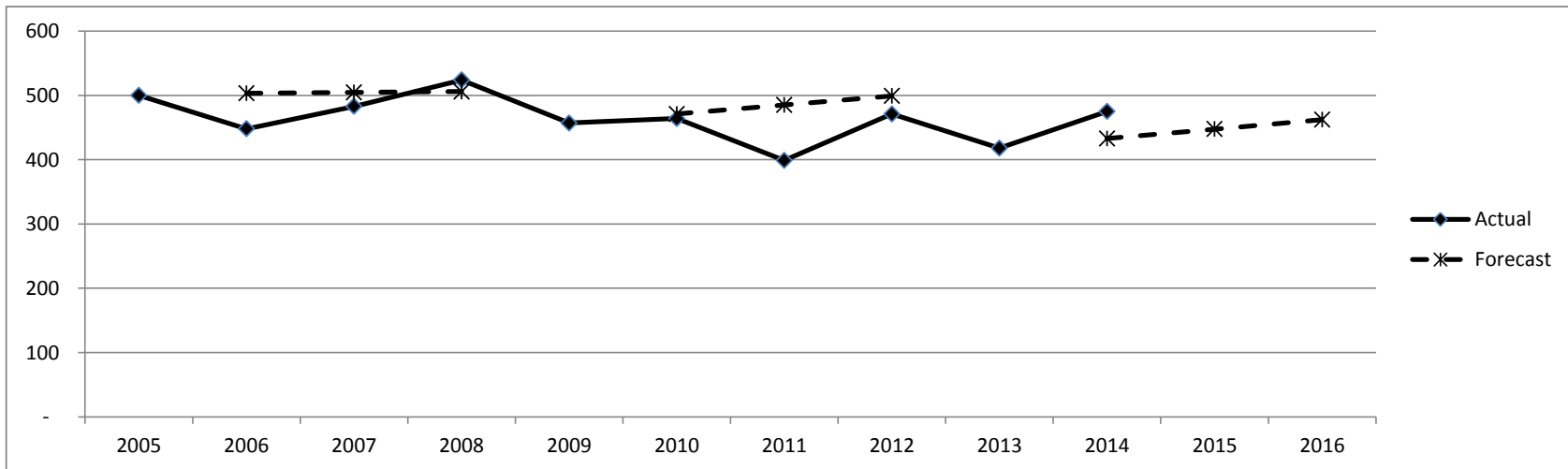
CSO - SCHOOL LEAK SURVEYS

Source Customer Work
Order Group CSO
Order Type SCHOOL LEAK SURVEYS

Description: This order type is used when a school requests a complete survey of their gas lines to ensure the integrity of their gas system. The field technician performs an inspection, including inspecting all appliances, to validate the system is leak free and/or identify needed repairs.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	442
4-Yr Avg	438
3-Yr Avg	429

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	500	448	483	524	457	464	399	471	418	475		
Forecast		503	505	506		471	485	499		433	448	462



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year and are impacted by external factors outside the company's control, e.g., school maintenance schedules.

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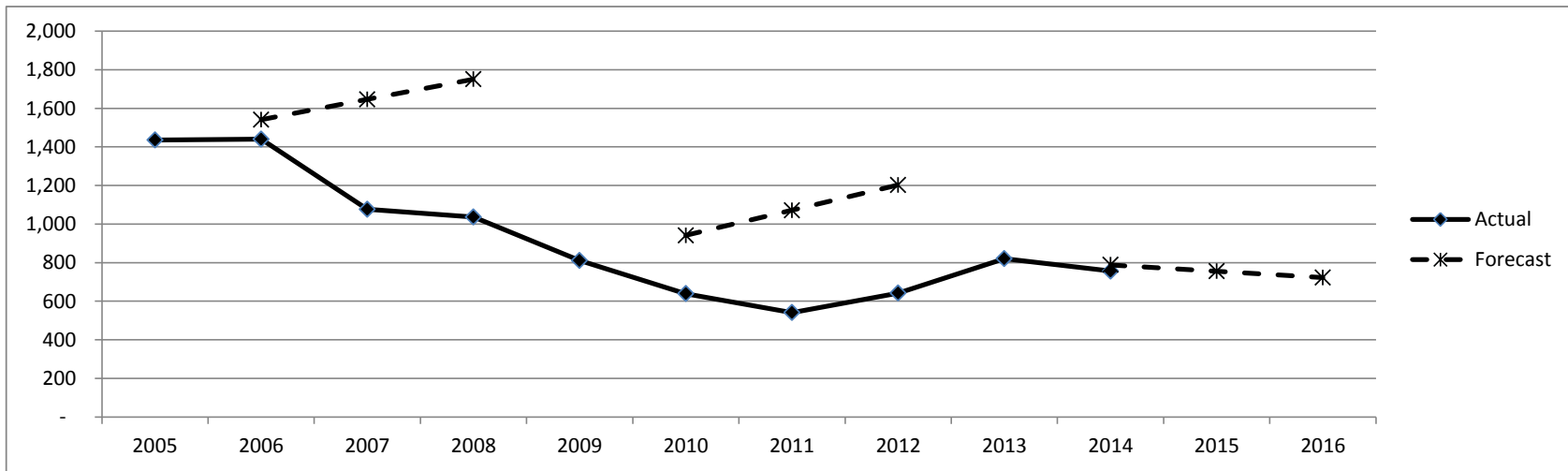
CSO - SEASONAL OFF

Source Customer Work
Order Group CSO
Order Type SEASONAL OFF

Description: This order type is used when a customer requests the gas to be shut off on a heating appliance. The field technician performs a safety check of the appliance and leaves the appliance off.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	691
4-Yr Avg	661
3-Yr Avg	668

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	1,436	1,440	1,076	1,036	811	639	541	642	821	756		
Forecast		1,542	1,646	1,751		941	1,072	1,202		788	756	723



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year and are impacted by external factors outside the company's control, e.g., weather fluctuations.

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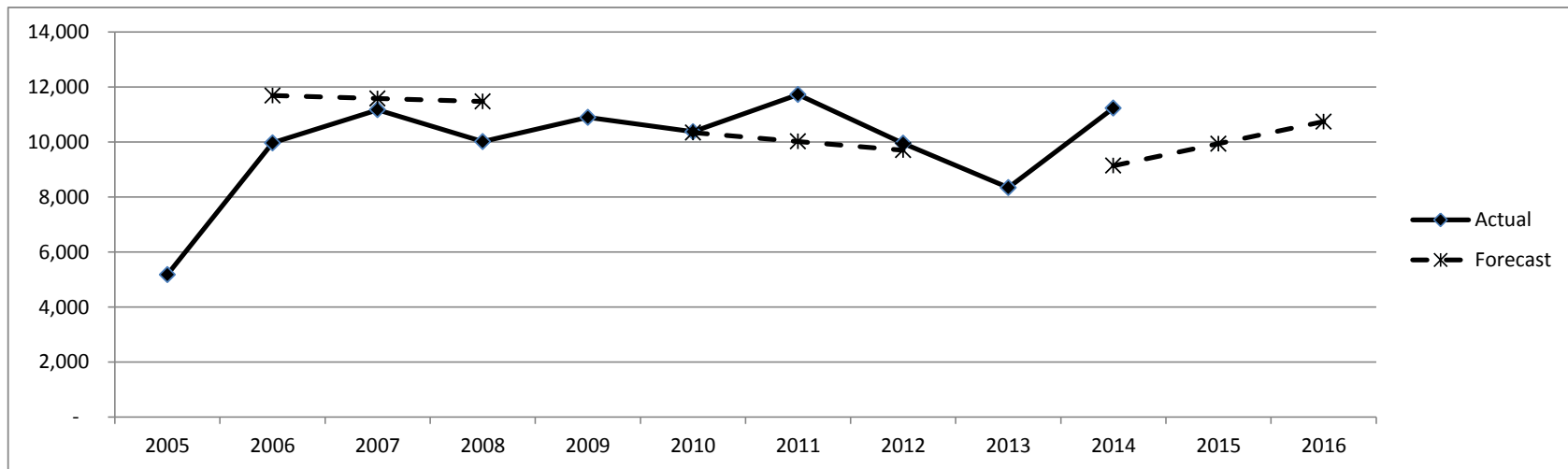
CSO - SEASONAL ON MULTIPLES

Source Customer Work
Order Group CSO
Order Type SEASONAL ON MULTIPLES

Description: This order type is used when a multi-unit premise, such as an assisted living establishment, requests that a service technician light the pilots on gas space heating appliances. The appliances are also checked for safety.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	10,256
4-Yr Avg	10,097
3-Yr Avg	10,005

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	5,172	9,967	11,170	10,016	10,893	10,373	11,726	9,951	8,339	11,228		
Forecast		11,687	11,579	11,472		10,339	10,020	9,700		9,139	9,939	10,739



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year and are impacted by external factors outside the company's control, e.g., weather fluctuations.

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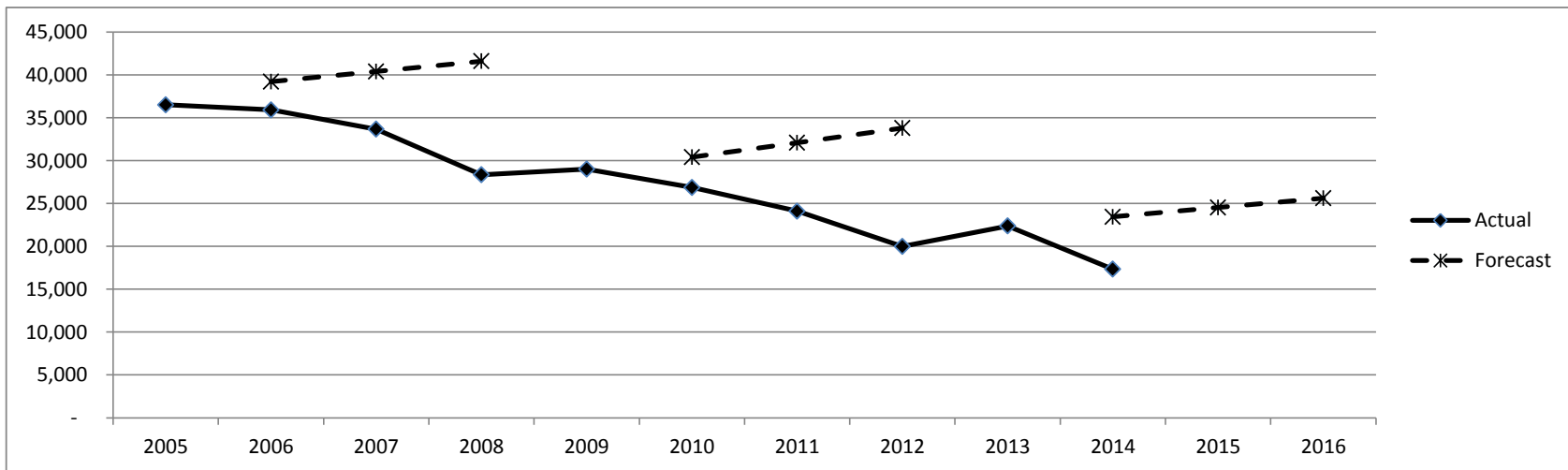
CSO - SEASONAL ON SINGLES

Source Customer Work
Order Group CSO
Order Type SEASONAL ON SINGLES

Description: This order type is used when a customer (single-unit premise) requests that the pilot on their gas space heating appliance be lit. The appliance is also checked for safety.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	24,466
4-Yr Avg	23,329
3-Yr Avg	22,151

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	36,514	35,918	33,668	28,348	29,012	26,862	24,102	19,982	22,370	17,344		
Forecast		39,206	40,404	41,601		30,402	32,099	33,796		23,455	24,540	25,626



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year and are impacted by external factors outside the company's control, e.g., weather fluctuations.

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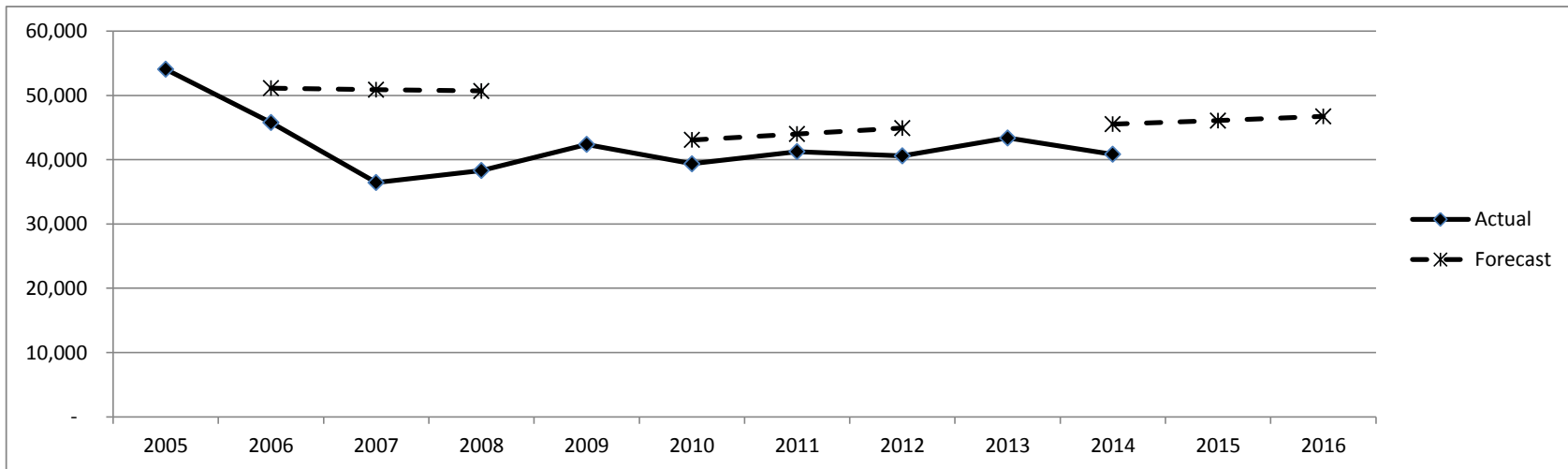
FUMIGATION/BUG FOGGER

Source Customer Work
Order Group Fumigation
Order Type FUMIGATION/BUG FOGGER

Description: This order type is used when a customer requests that the gas be shut off or restored for fumigation activity. For shut off, the meter is closed and secured. For restore, the gas is restored and appliances are serviced.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	41,396
4-Yr Avg	41,151
3-Yr Avg	41,747

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	54,082	45,781	36,447	38,302	42,379	39,361	41,268	40,597	43,376	40,833		
Forecast		51,110	50,896	50,683		43,085	44,001	44,918		45,545	46,084	46,732



Forecasting Method: 2013 + 5%, then growth (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

Pest Control Operators of California (PCOC) projects 5% growth in fumigation in 2014 for San Diego County.

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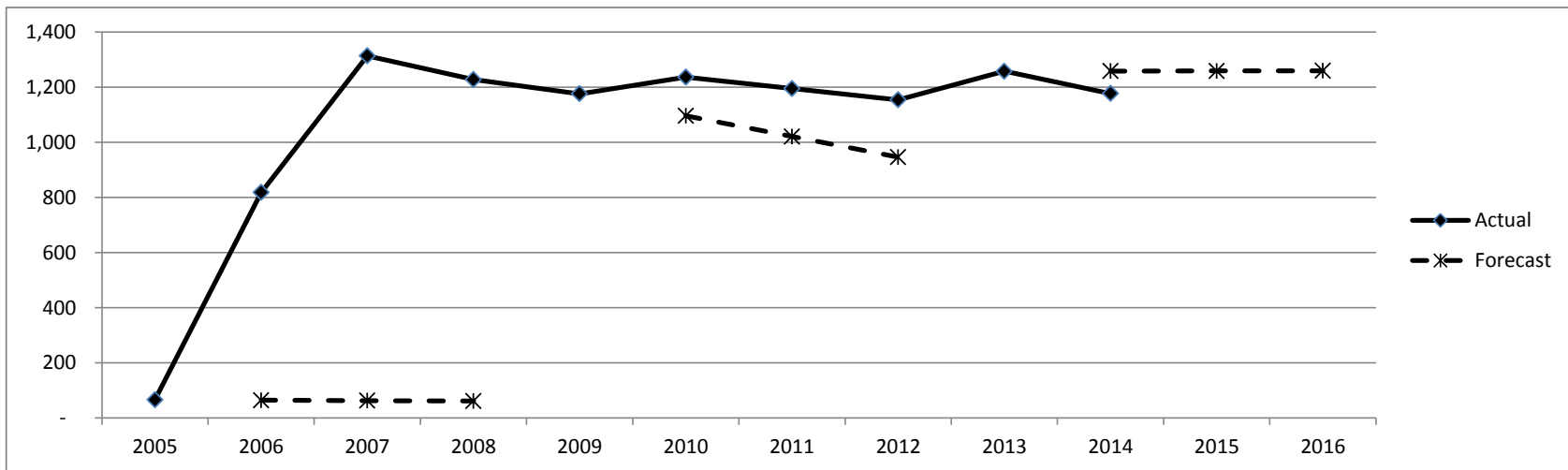
GAS LEAKS - EMERGENCY B&B INSIDE

Source Customer Work
Order Group Gas Leak
Order Type EMERGENCY B&B INSIDE

Description: This order type is used when a customer requests emergency service to address an interior gas line or connector that is broken. (B&B = broken and blowing)

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	1,204
4-Yr Avg	1,211
3-Yr Avg	1,202

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	65	818	1,314	1,228	1,176	1,236	1,195	1,154	1,258	1,177		
Forecast		64	62	61		1,096	1,021	946		1,259	1,259	1,260



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

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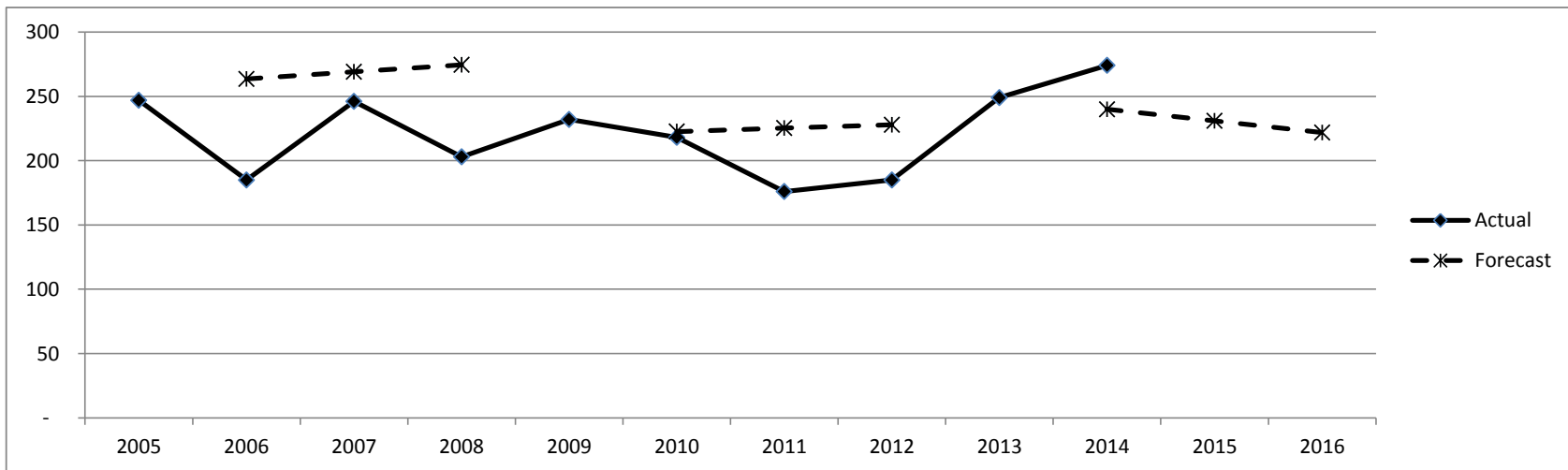
GAS LEAKS - EMERGENCY B&B OUTSIDE

Source Customer Work
Order Group Gas Leak
Order Type EMERGENCY B&B OUTSIDE

Description: This order type is used when a customer requests emergency service to address an exterior gas line or connector that is broken. (B&B = broken and blowing)

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	212
4-Yr Avg	207
3-Yr Avg	203

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	247	185	246	203	232	218	176	185	249	274		
Forecast		264	269	275		223	225	228		240	231	222



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

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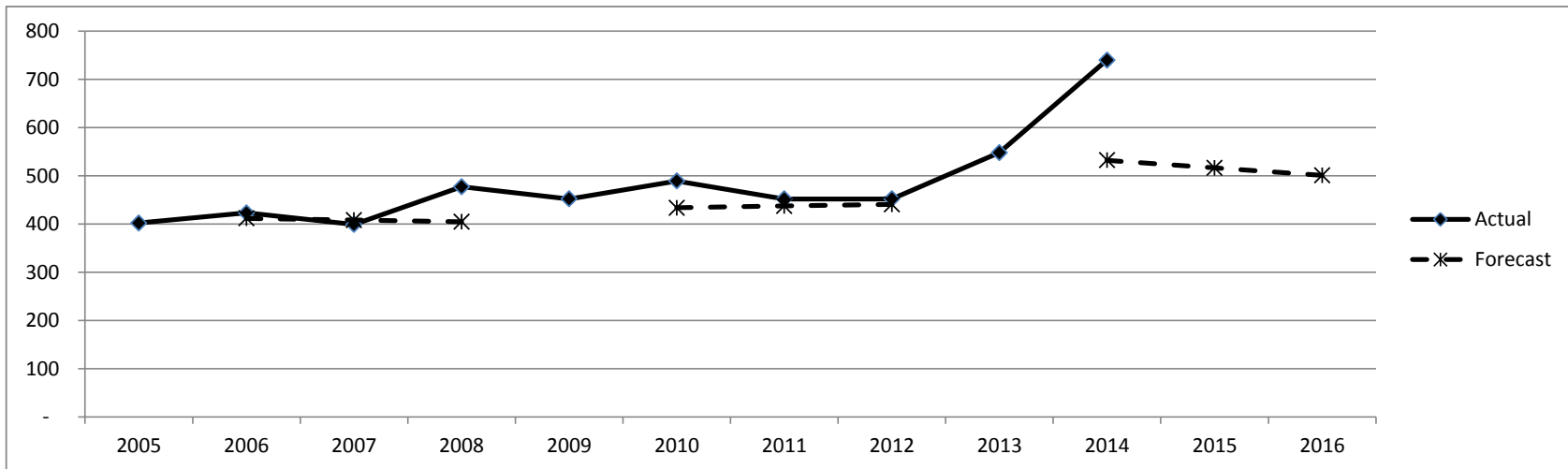
GAS LEAKS - EMERGENCY-AGENCY REQUESTS

Source Customer Work
Order Group Gas Leak
Order Type EMERGENCY-AGENCY REQUESTS

Description: This order type is used when an external agency (e.g., fire department) contacts the company and a field technician responds to a gas leak, fire, etc.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	479
4-Yr Avg	485
3-Yr Avg	484

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	402	423	399	477	452	489	452	452	548	740		
Forecast		412	408	405		434	437	441		532	516	501



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year and are impacted by external factors that are outside the company's control, e.g., conditions at customer premises.

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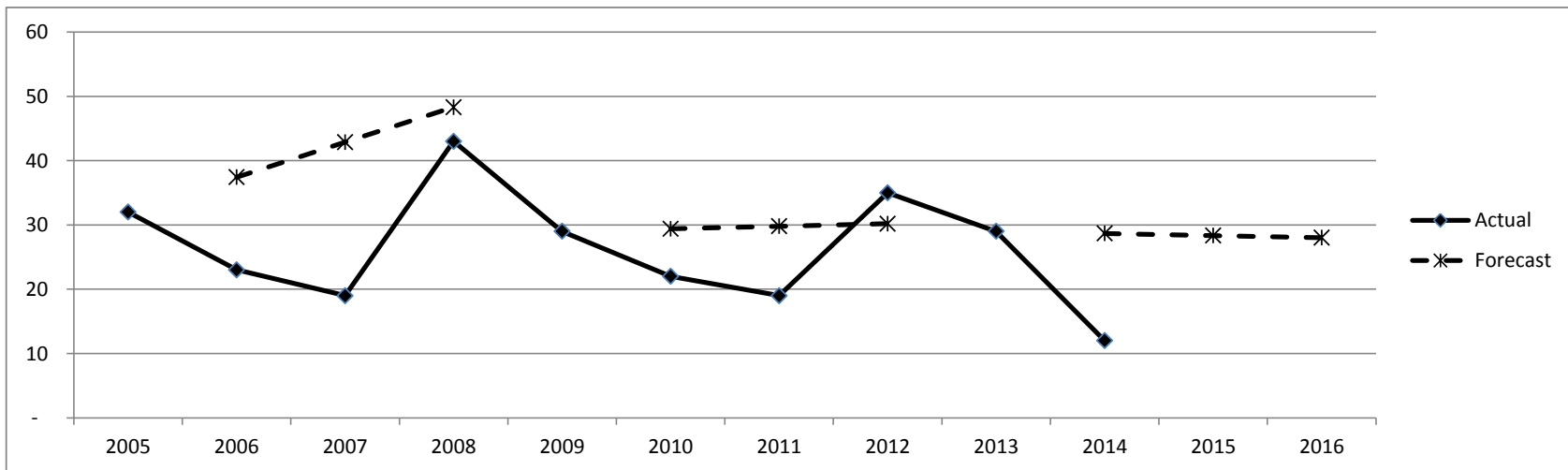
GAS LEAKS - FIRE & EXPLOSIONS

Source Customer Work
Order Group Gas Leak
Order Type FIRE & EXPLOSIONS

Description: This order type is used when a customer requests field response to a fire or explosion.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	27
4-Yr Avg	26
3-Yr Avg	28

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	32	23	19	43	29	22	19	35	29	12		
Forecast		37	43	48		29	30	30		29	28	28



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

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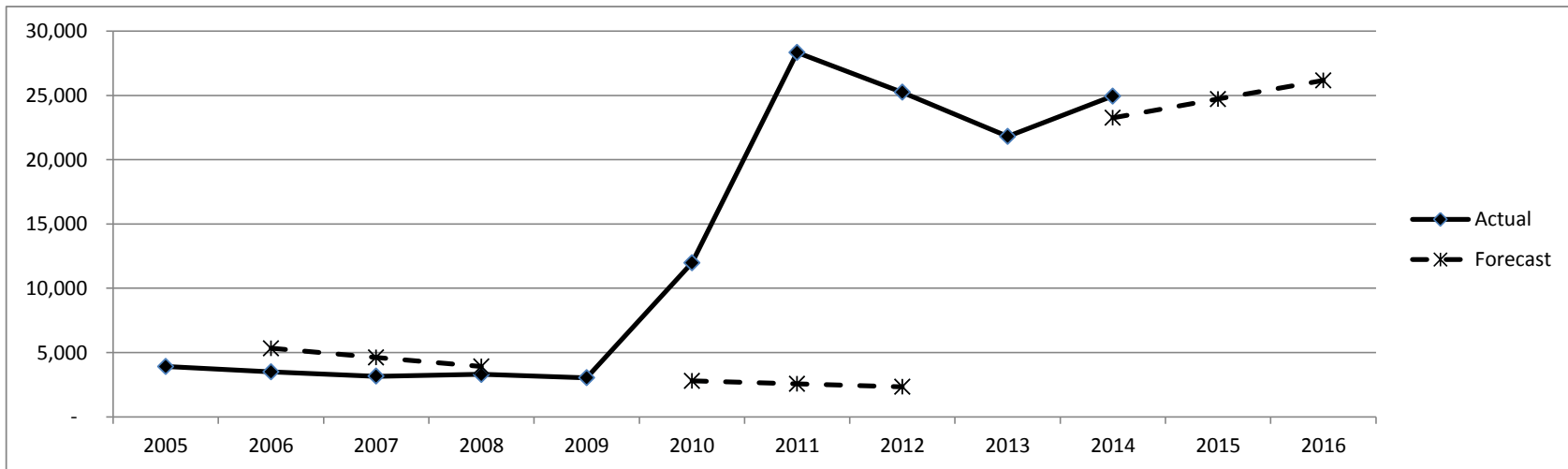
GAS LEAKS-HAZARD

Source Customer Work
Order Group Gas Leak
Order Type GAS LEAKS-HAZARD

Description: This order type is used when a customer reports a gas leak and, based on the information provided, it is categorized as a possible hazard. The field technician investigates, makes the condition safe, and repairs any leaks to the extent possible. The customer may be referred to an outside service provider if the repair is beyond the scope of the utility.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	18,081
4-Yr Avg	21,841
3-Yr Avg	25,130

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	3,915	3,492	3,157	3,298	3,039	11,974	28,332	25,246	21,813	24,948		
Forecast		5,332	4,623	3,915		2,789	2,560	2,331		23,263	24,714	26,164



Forecasting Method: 3-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

In 2010, SDG&E reclassified leak orders, resulting in a shift of some orders from non-hazardous to hazardous. 2009 and 2010 were excluded to eliminate the effects of the reclassification of orders.

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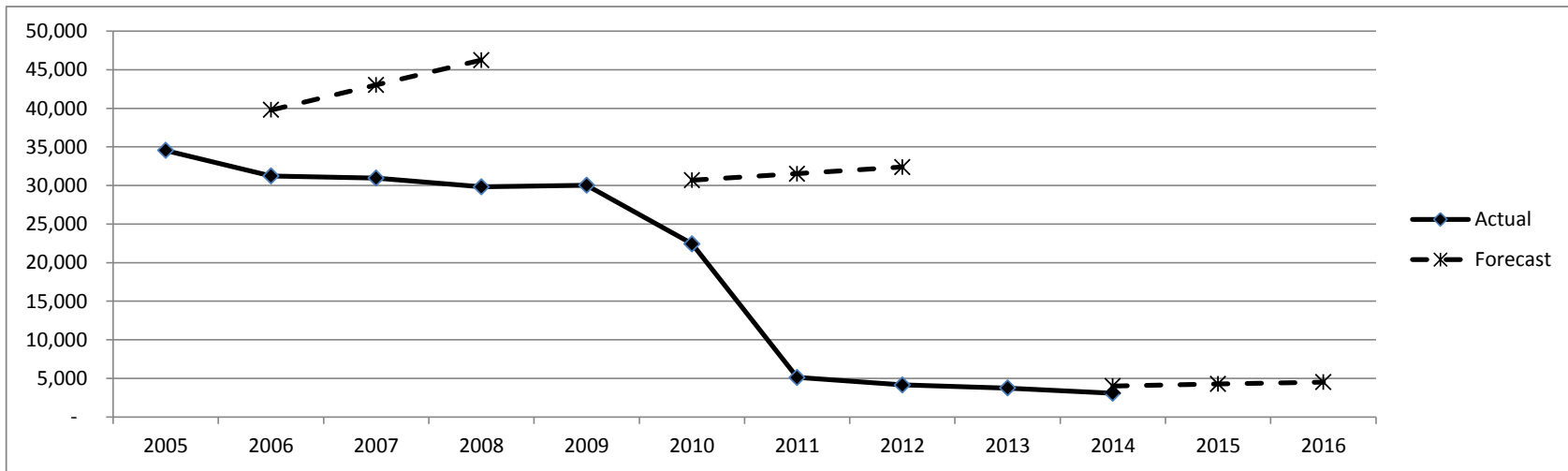
GAS LEAKS-NON HAZARD

Source Customer Work
Order Group Gas Leak
Order Type GAS LEAKS-NON HAZARD

Description: This order type is used when a customer reports a gas leak and, based on the information provided, it is categorized as non-hazardous. The technician investigates, makes the condition safe, and repairs any leaks to the extent possible. The customer may be referred to an outside service provider if the repair is beyond the scope of the utility.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	13,089
4-Yr Avg	8,860
3-Yr Avg	4,335

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	34,541	31,221	30,940	29,811	30,006	22,434	5,112	4,147	3,747	3,064		
Forecast		39,787	43,016	46,244		30,680	31,525	32,371		4,003	4,258	4,514



Forecasting Method: 3-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

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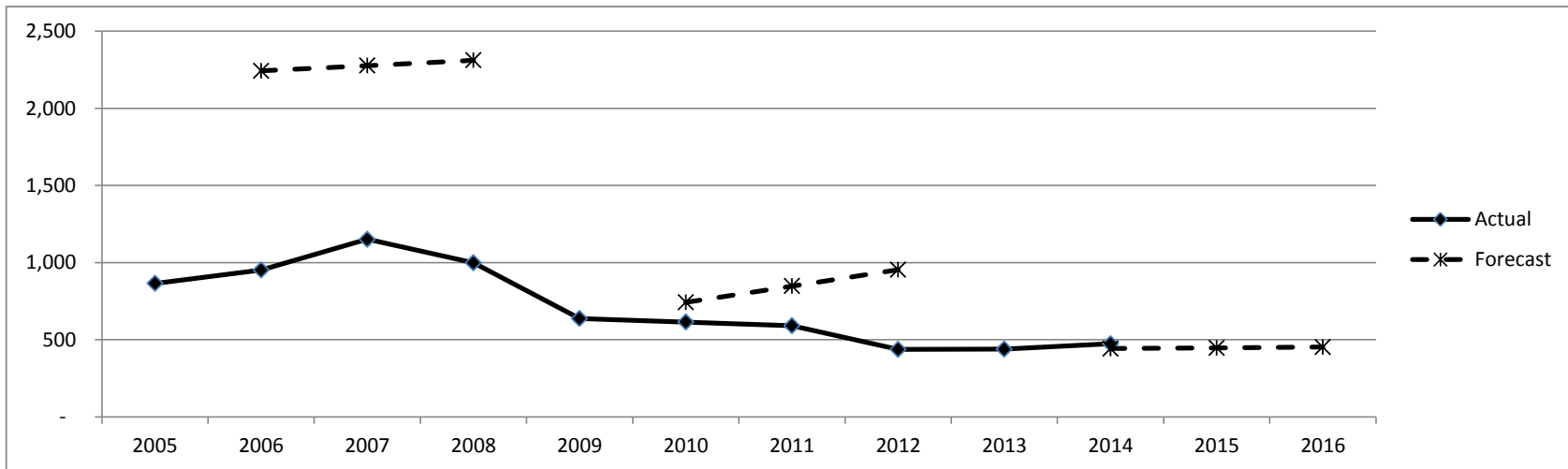
HBI

Source Customer Work
Order Group HBI
Order Type HBI

Description: This order type is used when a customer requests that a service technician inspect the facility and related appliances due to a higher than expected bill.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	543
4-Yr Avg	520
3-Yr Avg	488

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	865	951	1,151	998	637	614	590	437	438	473		
Forecast		2,242	2,277	2,311		742	847	953		443	447	452



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Total Active Meters)

This order type is impacted by Smart Meter. 2013 is the first full year post Smart Meter implementation.

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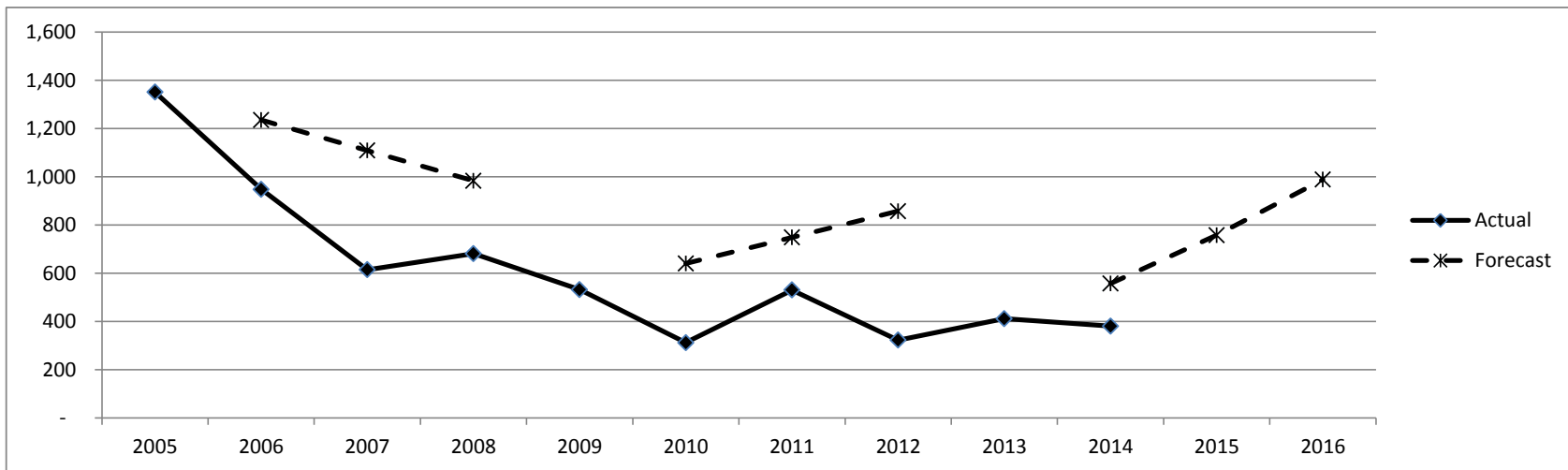
METER WORK CAPITAL - HEADER WORK

Source Customer Work
Order Group Meter Work - Capital
Order Type HEADER WORK

Description: This is work performed prior to a new meter being set. The field technician installs a manifold that will accommodate two or more meters or a larger commercial meter.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	421
4-Yr Avg	394
3-Yr Avg	421

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	1,351	948	614	681	532	312	530	322	411	380		
Forecast		1,235	1,109	983		640	748	857		557	758	988



Forecasting Method: Follows Capital Forecast

Volumes are driven by the forecasted growth in new business capital construction and associated meter sets.

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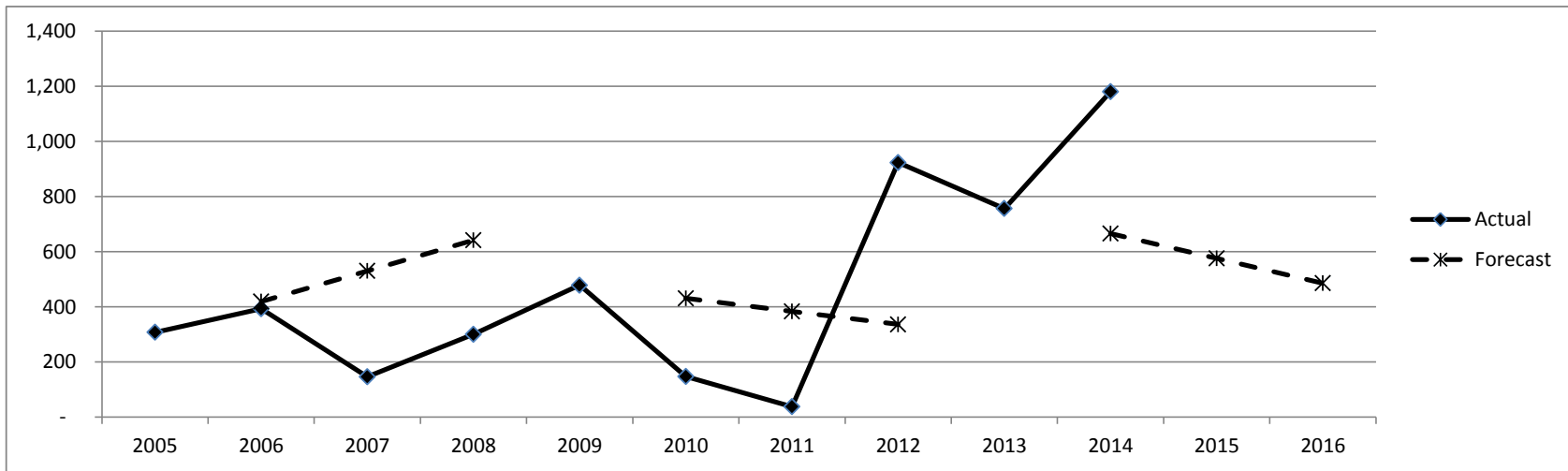
METER WORK CAPITAL - METER SETS - ELECTRIC

Source Customer Work
Order Group Meter Work - Capital
Order Type METER SETS - ELECTRIC

Description: This order type is used when an electric meter is installed at a new customer facility. The field technician installs the appropriate electric meter and the customer's electric service is turned on.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	468
4-Yr Avg	466
3-Yr Avg	572

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	307	393	146	300	478	147	37	923	756	1,180		
Forecast		418	530	641		431	383	336		666	576	485



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Electric Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year and are impacted by external factors that are outside the company's control, e.g., the state of the economy and construction activity.

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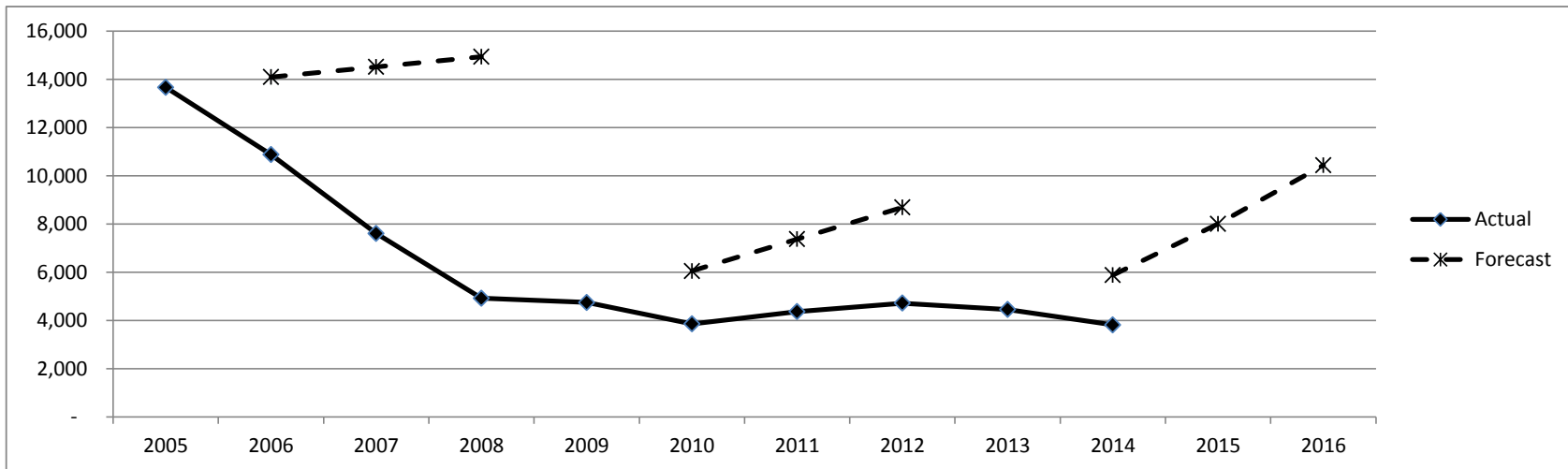
METER WORK CAPITAL - METER SETS - GAS

Source Company Work
Order Group Meter Work - Capital
Order Type METER Sets - GAS

Description: This order type is used when a gas meter is installed at a new customer facility. The field technician installs the meter, inspects the customer's houseline, and services all gas appliances.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	4,427
4-Yr Avg	4,348
3-Yr Avg	4,511

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	13,672	10,880	7,608	4,922	4,742	3,857	4,366	4,716	4,452	3,815		
Forecast		14,095	14,517	14,940		6,051	7,372	8,693		5,880	8,002	10,438



Forecasting Method: Follows Capital Forecast

Volumes are driven by the forecasted growth in new business capital construction and associated meter sets.

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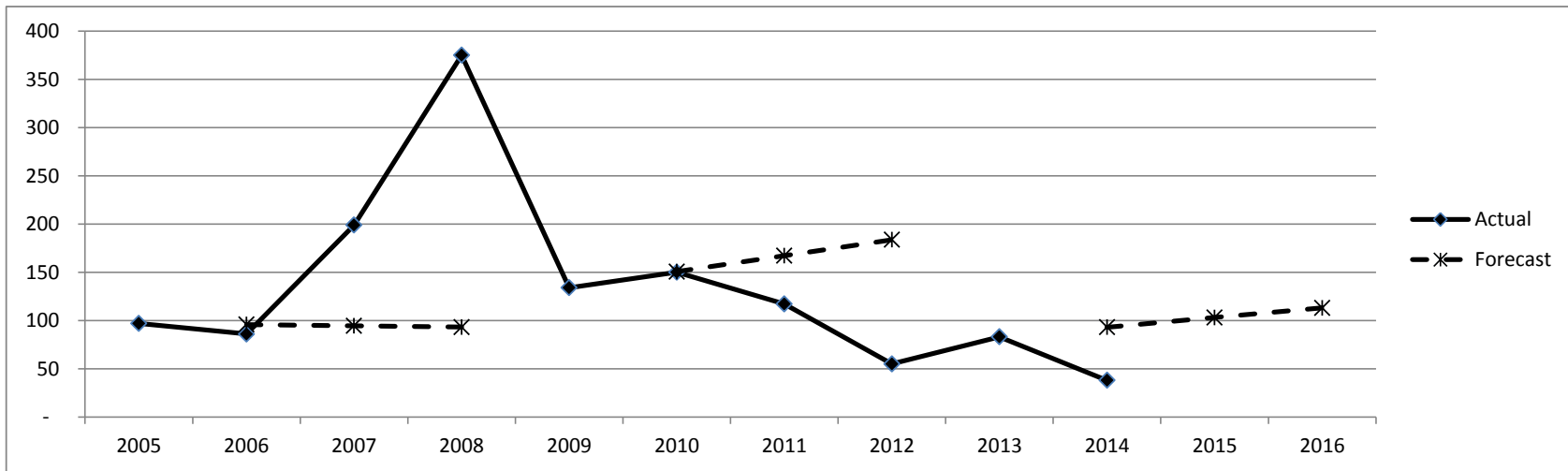
METER WORK - O&M - ATMOSPHERIC CORROSION

Source Company Work
Order Group Meter Work - O & M
Order Type ATMOSPHERIC CORROSION

Description: This is a service order issued to remedy atmospheric corrosion or other abnormal operating conditions on an above ground meter set assembly (MSA). The field technician identifies and repairs abnormal operating conditions found on the MSA.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	108
4-Yr Avg	101
3-Yr Avg	85

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	97	86	199	375	134	150	117	55	83	38		
Forecast		96	94	93		151	167	184		93	103	113



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Electric Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year and are impacted by external factors outside the company's control, e.g., corrosion or other abnormal operating conditions found at meters. These orders are issued following MSA inspections or when a field employee observes conditions requiring follow-up work.

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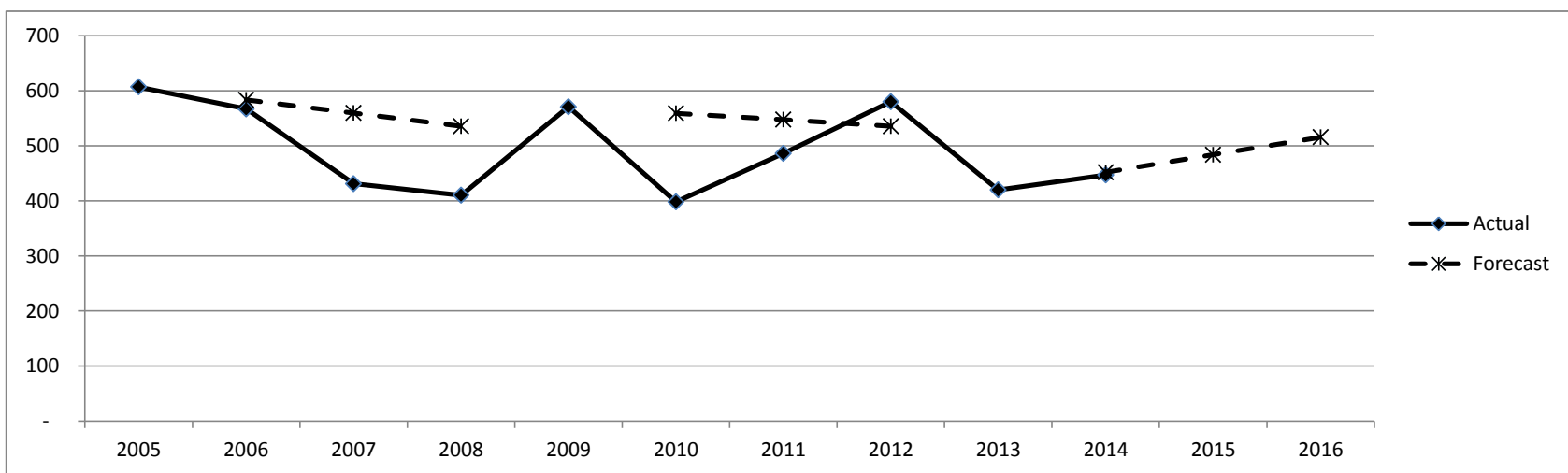
Meter Work - O&M - CURB

Source Company Work
 Order Group Meter Work - O & M
 Order Type CURB

Description: This order type is used for DOT-required curb meter inspections. All curb meters are inspected every three years. Follow-up orders to correct conditions found that are not completed as part of the inspection are also included, e.g., replace fittings, regulator, or meter.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	491
4-Yr Avg	471
3-Yr Avg	495

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	607	567	431	410	571	398	486	580	420	447		
Forecast		583	559	536		559	547	536		452	484	516



Forecasting Method: 3-Yr Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meter)

Inspections are completed on a three-year cycle. Most other work orders in this order type category are the result of these inspections.

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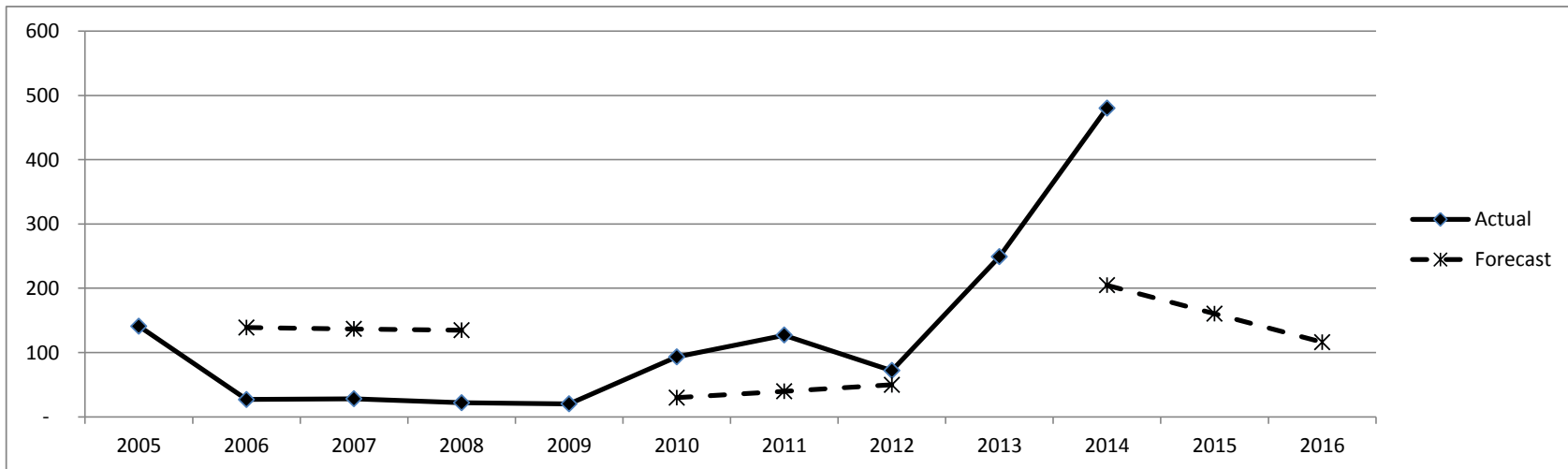
METER WORK - O&M - CUST/COMPANY CHANGE - ELEC

Source Company Work
Order Group Meter Work - O & M
Order Type CUST/COMPANY CHANGE - ELEC

Description: This order type is used when an electric meter is changed due to routine maintenance issues.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	112
4-Yr Avg	135
3-Yr Avg	149

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	141	27	28	22	20	93	127	72	249	480		
Forecast		139	137	135		30	40	50		205	160	116



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Electric Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year and are impacted by external factors outside the company's control, e.g., damages, customer meter requirements, etc.

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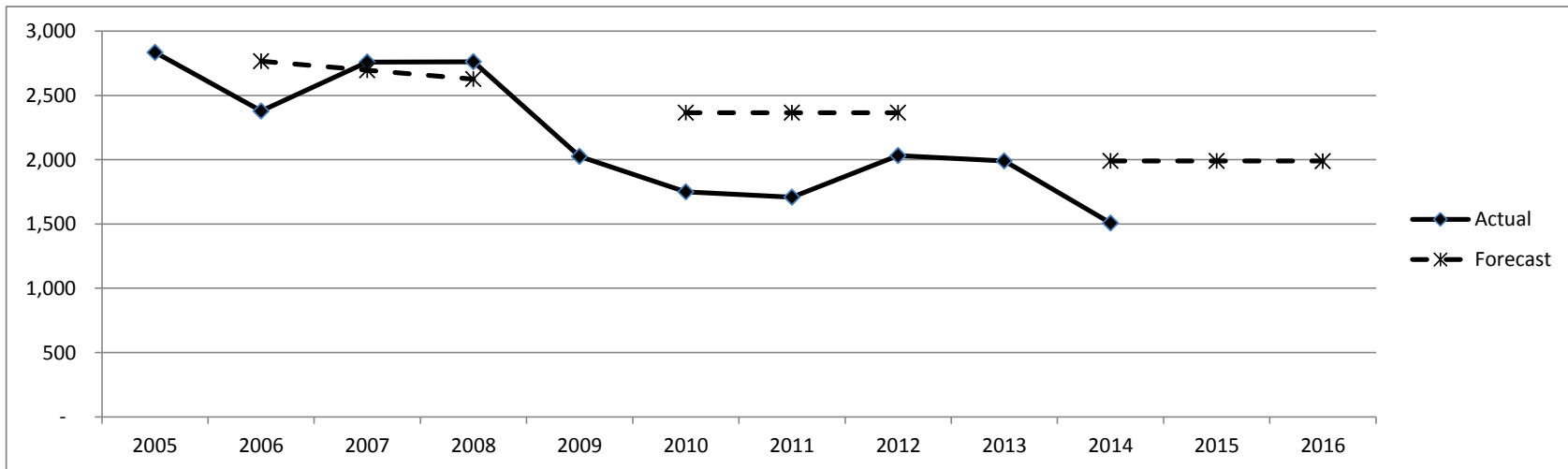
METER WORK - O&M - CUST/COMPANY CHANGE - GAS

Source Company Work
Order Group Meter Work - O & M
Order Type CUST/COMPANY CHANGE - GAS

Description: This order type is used when a gas meter is changed due to routine maintenance issues.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	1,901
4-Yr Avg	1,870
3-Yr Avg	1,910

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	2,835	2,378	2,760	2,761	2,025	1,749	1,708	2,031	1,991	1,507		
Forecast		2,765	2,696	2,626		2,366	2,366	2,366		1,990	1,990	1,989



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year and are impacted by external factors outside the company's control, e.g., damages or a change in a customer's meter requirements.

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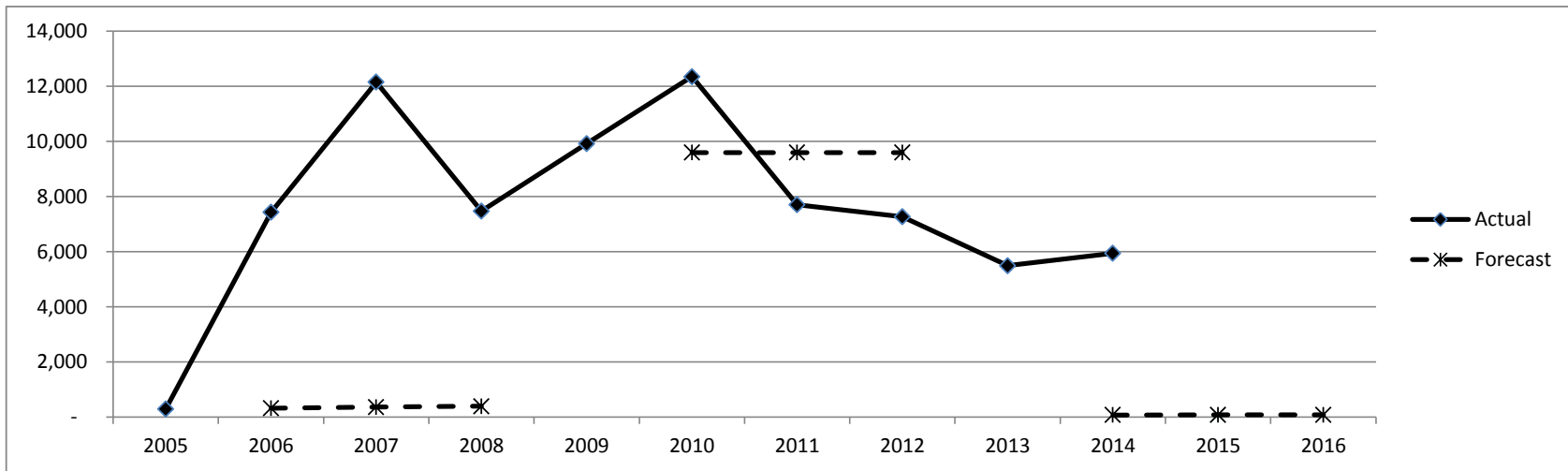
METER WORK (O&M) - CUST COMPANY TEST(CHANGE) - GAS

Source Company Work
Order Group Meter Work - O & M
Order Type CUST/COMPANY TEST(CHANGE) - GAS

Description: This is an order where the meter is selected for replacement under SDG&E's Meter Performance Control Program, or is replaced in response to a customer request during a high bill investigation (HBI).

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	8,545
4-Yr Avg	8,202
3-Yr Avg	6,819

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	286	7,425	12,147	7,471	9,918	12,349	7,703	7,267	5,488	5,936		
Forecast		320	354	388		9,593	9,593	9,593		70	71	72



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

Used a 5-year average to reflect the fact that volumes have historically fluctuated from year to year. Meters planned for removal based strictly on age (i.e., >35 years old) were removed from the forecast, as this "age-only" selection criteria has been removed from our Meter Performance Control Program.

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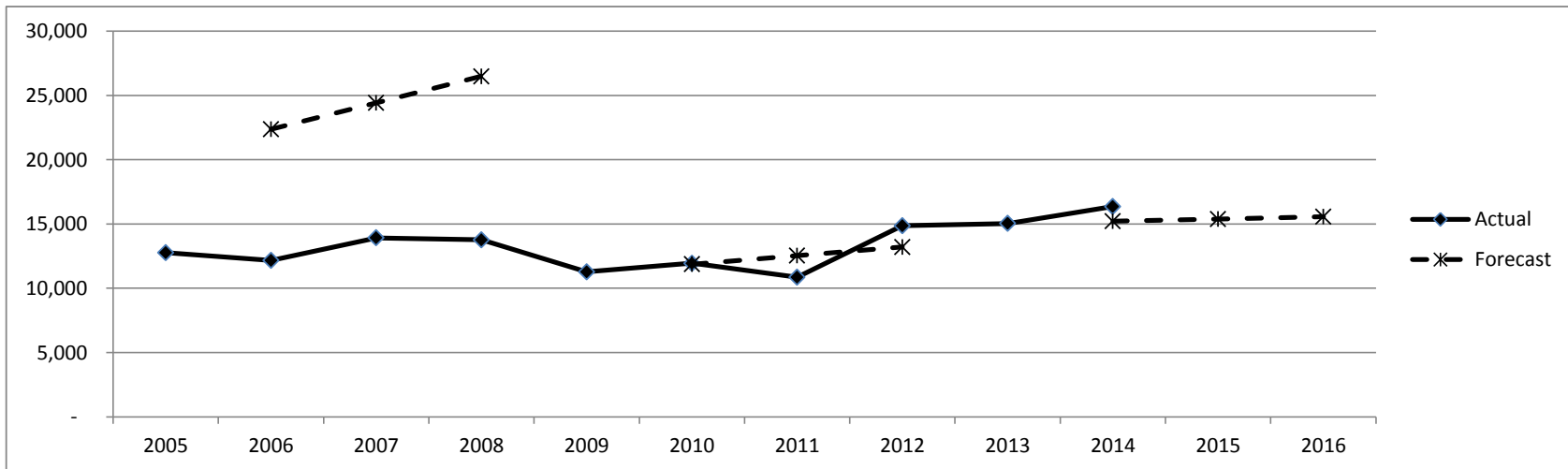
METER WORK (O&M) - MISC COMPANY WORK

Source Company Work
Order Group Meter Work - O & M
Order Type MISC COMPANY WORK

Description: This order type is used when a field technician performs routine maintenance on the gas or electric meter. Examples include installing/removing life support seals and replacing an unreadable meter index.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	12,797
4-Yr Avg	13,177
3-Yr Avg	13,587

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	12,775	12,162	13,923	13,761	11,279	11,945	10,854	14,867	15,040	16,353		
Forecast		22,374	24,428	26,483		11,869	12,538	13,207		15,214	15,388	15,563



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

This order type was impacted by Smart Meter. 2013 is the first full year post Smart Meter implementation.

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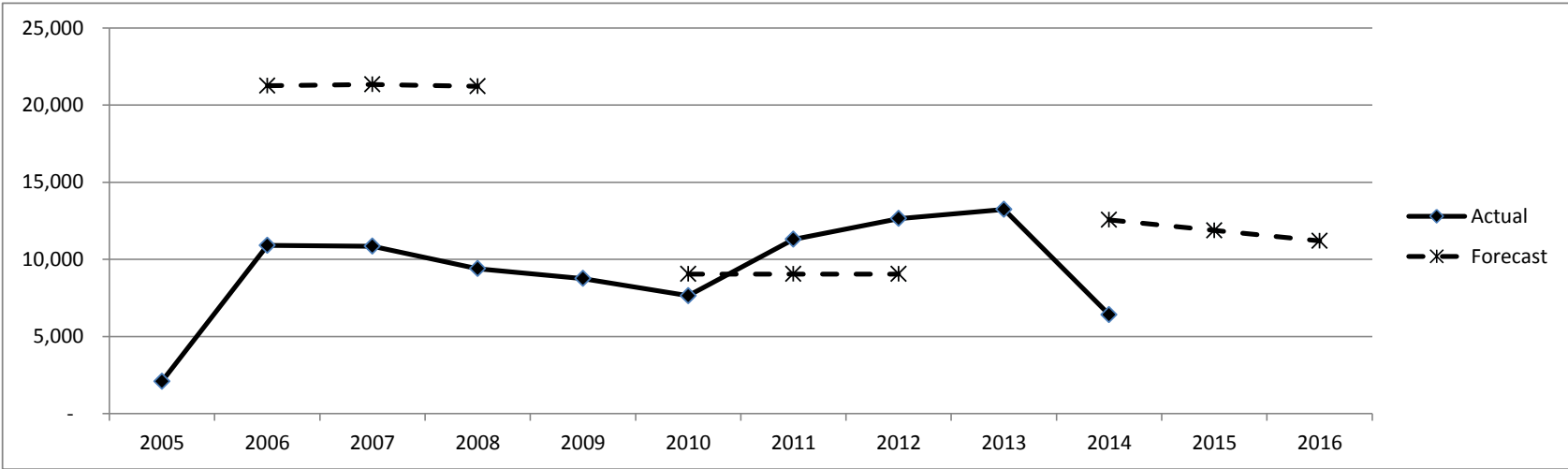
METER WORK (O&M) - PERIODIC TEST CHANGE-GAS

Source: Company Work
 Order Group: Meter Work - O & M
 Order Type: PERIODIC TEST/CHANGE-GAS

Description: This order type is used when a field technician changes a gas meter so it can be tested for accuracy. These orders are part of SDG&E's Meter Performance Control Program.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	10,713
4-Yr Avg	11,202
3-Yr Avg	12,391

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	2,083	10,897	10,850	9,389	8,758	7,636	11,301	12,640	13,232	6,413		
Forecast		21,250	21,338	21,217		9,041	9,041	9,041		12,553	11,874	11,195



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year based on the number of samples needed to validate the accuracy of meter families.

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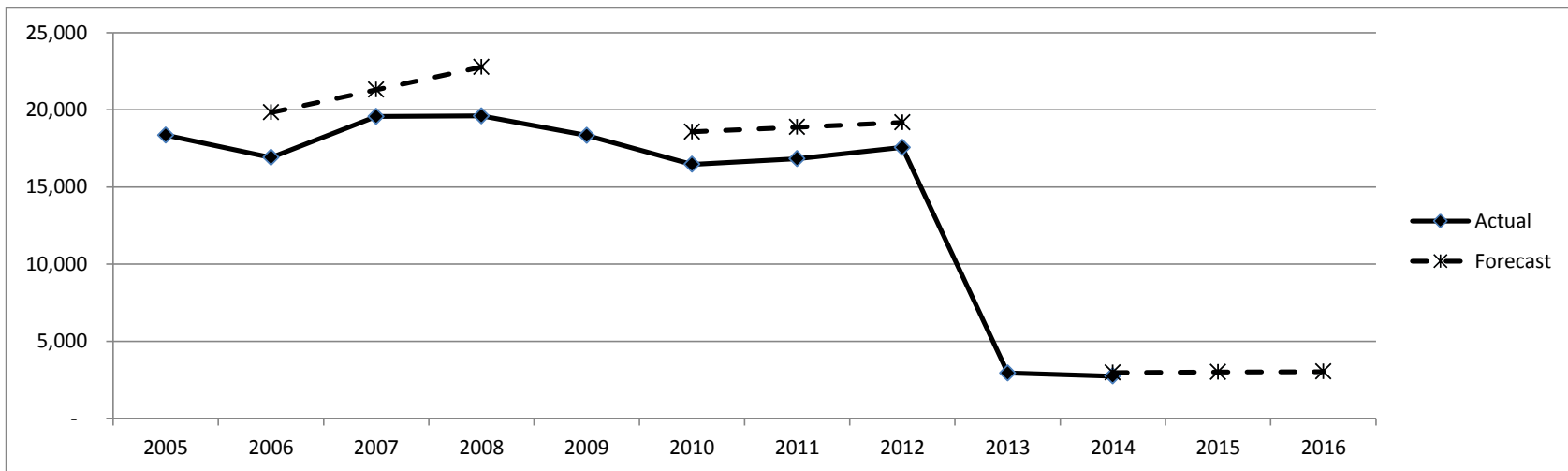
NONPAY TURN ON - CREDIT CUT INS

Source Customer Work
Order Group Nonpay Turn On
Order Type CREDIT CUT INS

Description: This order type is used when a customer's service is turned back on after paying the balance on the account.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	14,425
4-Yr Avg	13,448
3-Yr Avg	12,442

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	18,352	16,912	19,560	19,596	18,335	16,465	16,832	17,556	2,937	2,737		
Forecast		19,826	21,297	22,769		18,574	18,874	19,175		2,967	2,998	3,028



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Total Active Meters)

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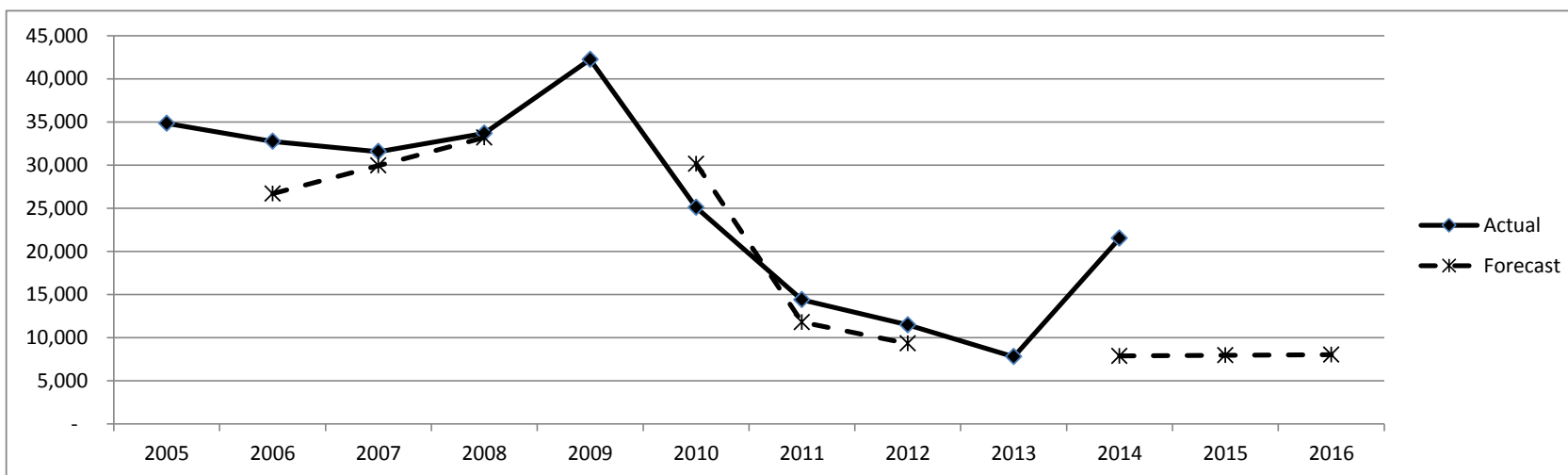
READ VERIFY - REREADS

Source Company Work
Order Group Read/Verify
Order Type REREADS

Description: This order type is used when a meter is re-read for billing or other purposes.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	20,193
4-Yr Avg	14,685
3-Yr Avg	11,219

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	34,834	32,730	31,554	33,683	42,225	25,082	14,400	11,470	7,788	21,527		
Forecast		26,690	29,938	33,185		30,143	11,784	9,333		7,868	7,949	8,029



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Total Active Meters)

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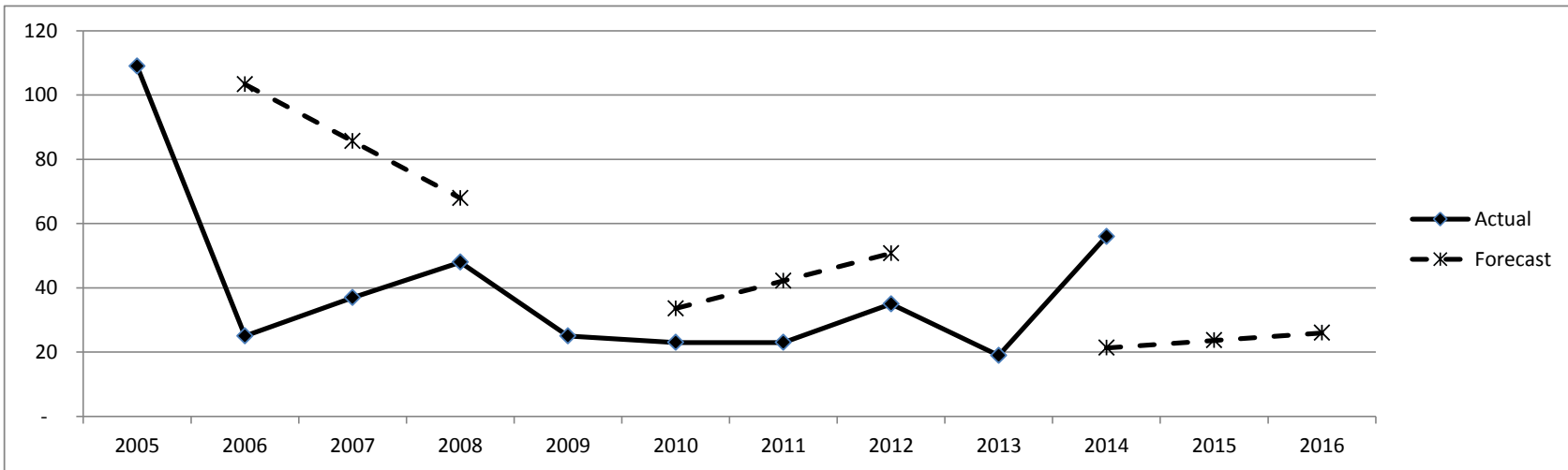
TURN ON/SHUTOFF - CUST/COMPANY REMOVE/RESET - ELEC

Source Customer Work
Order Group TurnOn/ShutOff
Order Type CUST/COMPANY REMOVE/RESET - ELEC

Description: This order type is used when a field technician removes or reinstalls an electric meter.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	25
4-Yr Avg	25
3-Yr Avg	26

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	109	25	37	48	25	23	23	35	19	56		
Forecast		103	86	68		34	42	51		21	24	26



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Electric Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year and are impacted by external factors outside the company's control, e.g., the state of the economy and customer turnover.

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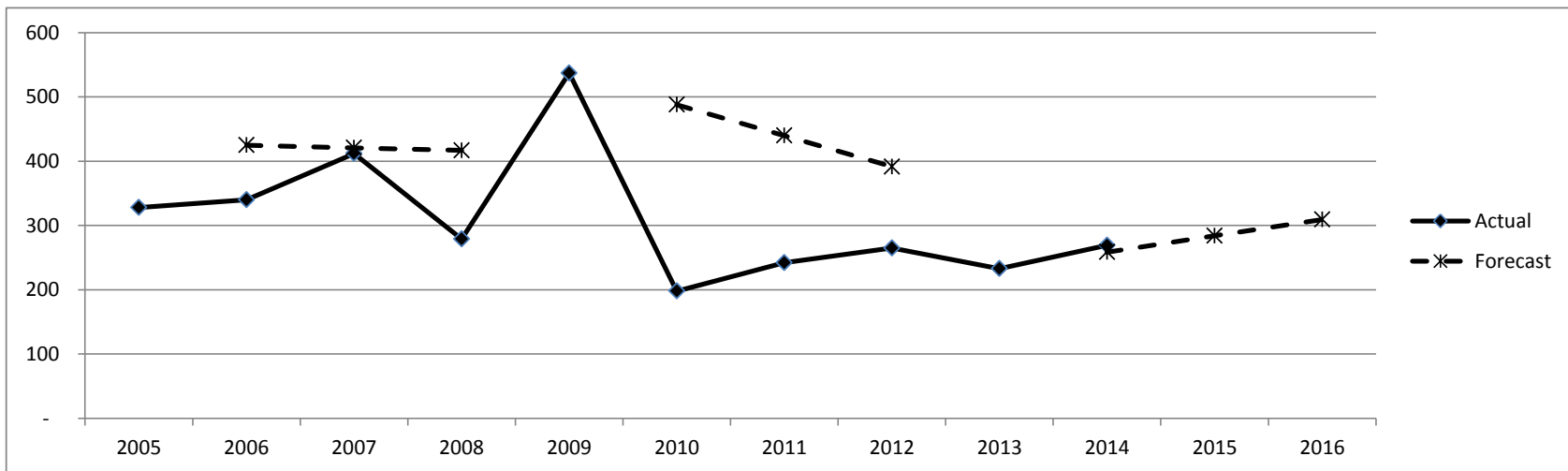
TURN ON/SHUTOFF - CUST COMPANY REMOVE RESET - GAS

Source Customer Work
Order Group TurnOn/ShutOff
Order Type CUST/COMPANY REMOVE/RESET - GAS

Description: This order type is used when a field technician removes or reinstalls a gas meter.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	295
4-Yr Avg	235
3-Yr Avg	247

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	328	340	412	279	537	198	242	265	233	269		
Forecast		425	421	417		488	440	392		258	284	309



Forecasting Method: 5-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year and are impacted by external factors outside the company's control, e.g., the state of the economy and customer turnover.

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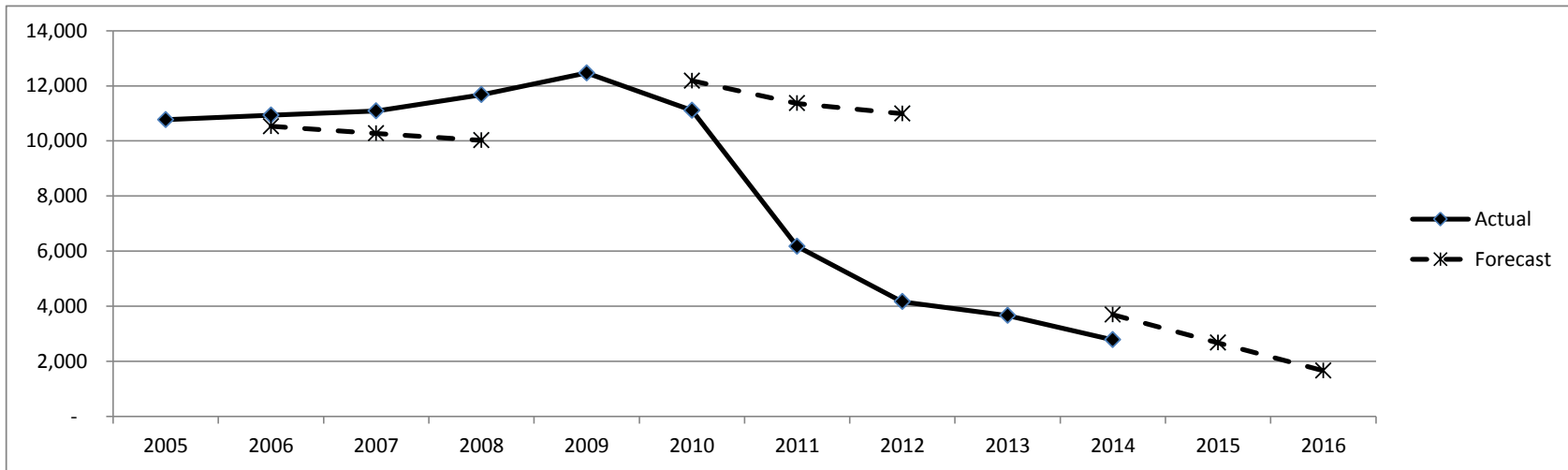
TURN ON/SHUTOFF - GIVE NOTICE CUT

Source Customer Work
Order Group TurnOn/ShutOff
Order Type GIVE NOTICE CUT

Description: This order type is used when a customer has been given 24 hours to establish an account and they have not contacted the utility. The field technician closes and secures the meter.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	7,514
4-Yr Avg	6,276
3-Yr Avg	4,666

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	10,771	10,934	11,088	11,676	12,464	11,108	6,167	4,165	3,665	2,779		
Forecast		10,530	10,276	10,023		12,181	11,363	10,986		3,692	2,673	1,662



Forecasting Method: Base Year + OBR Adjustment

This order type was impacted by Smart Meter. 2013 is the first full year post Smart Meter implementation. An adjustment was made to account for an anticipated reduction in order volumes resulting from the Off But Registering project.

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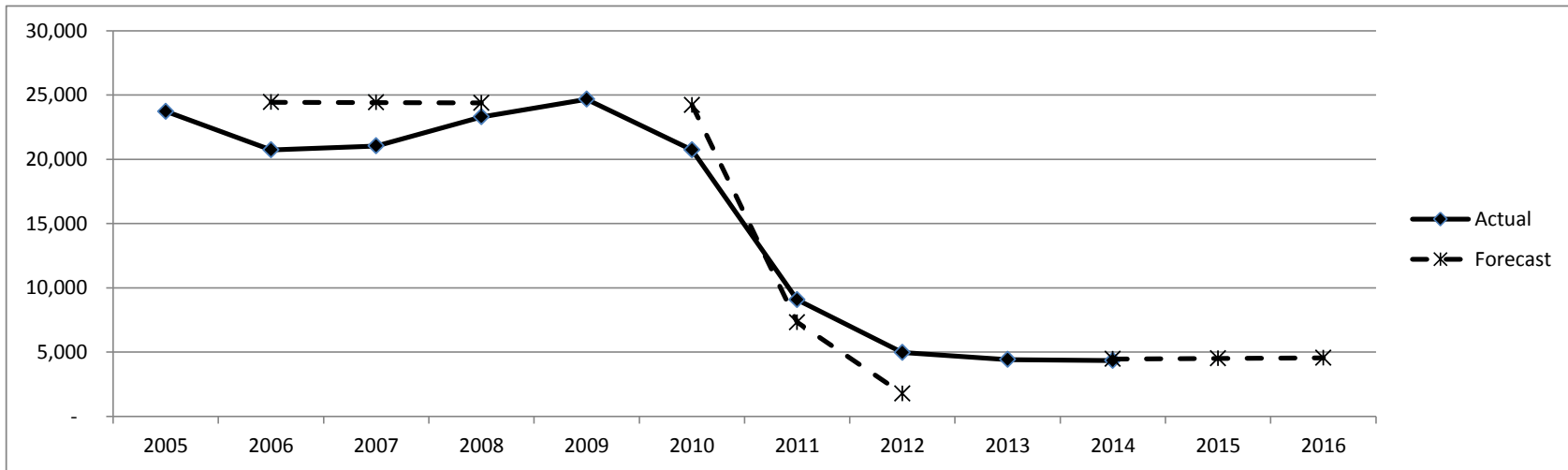
TURN ON/SHUTOFF - SHUT OFF ELEC

Source Customer Work
Order Group TurnOn/ShutOff
Order Type SHUT OFF ELEC

Description: This order type is used when a customer requests that electric service be shut off. Electric service is shut off remotely when possible.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	12,772
4-Yr Avg	9,798
3-Yr Avg	6,153

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	23,724	20,730	21,035	23,294	24,670	20,734	9,069	4,966	4,423	4,354		
Forecast		24,443	24,413	24,384		24,220	7,319	1,784		4,465	4,507	4,549



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Active Electric Meters)

This order type was impacted by Smart Meter. 2013 is the first full year post Smart Meter implementation.

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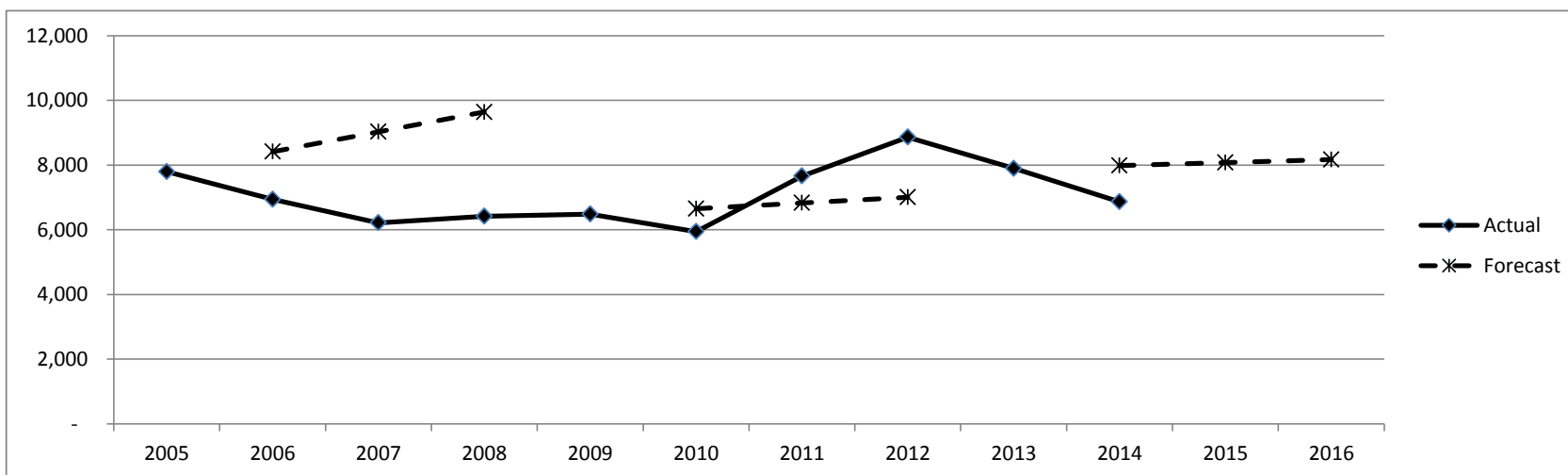
TURN ON/SHUTOFF - SHUT OFF GAS

Source Customer Work
Order Group TurnOn/ShutOff
Order Type SHUT OFF GAS

Description: This is a service request to shut off gas service. The field technician turns off the gas service at the customer's meter.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	7,369
4-Yr Avg	7,591
3-Yr Avg	8,139

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	7,795	6,944	6,216	6,414	6,482	5,946	7,659	8,863	7,896	6,863		
Forecast		8,417	9,028	9,638		6,649	6,828	7,008		7,987	8,079	8,170



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

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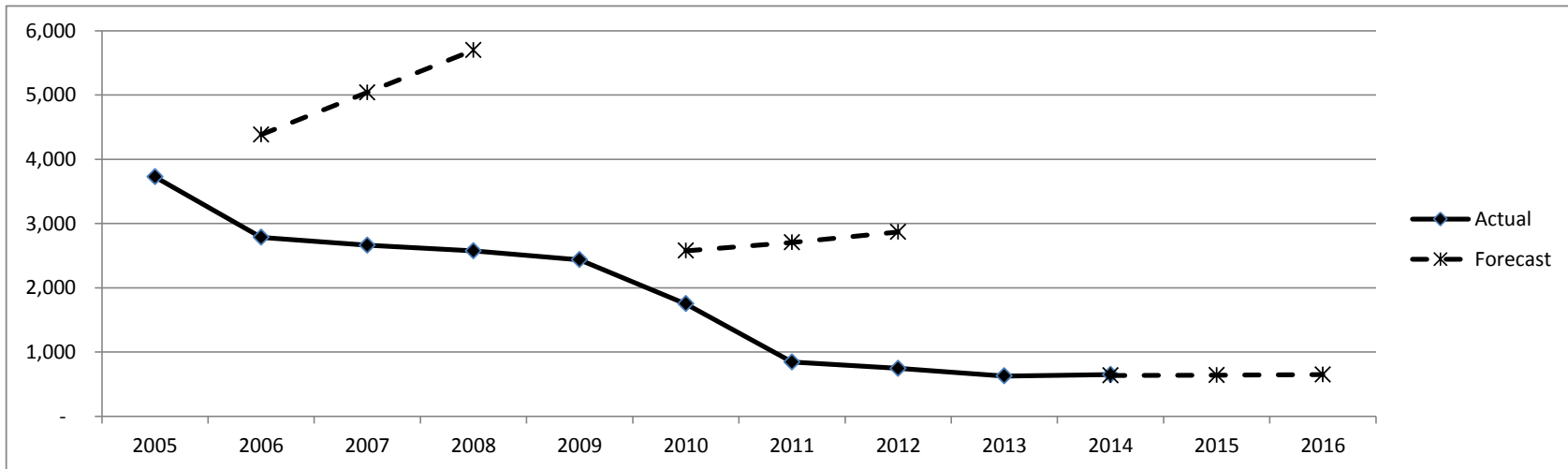
TURN ON/SHUTOFF - SHUT OFF GAS AND ELEC

Source Customer Work
Order Group TurnOn/ShutOff
Order Type SHUT OFF GAS AND ELEC

Description: This order type is used when a customer requests that both their electric and gas service be shut off. The field technician closes and secures the gas meter. The electric service is shut off remotely when possible.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	1,282
4-Yr Avg	993
3-Yr Avg	740

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	3,727	2,787	2,662	2,573	2,436	1,751	846	746	629	651		
Forecast		4,382	5,039	5,696		2,576	2,705	2,867		635	642	648



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Total Active Meters)

This order type was impacted by Smart Meter. 2013 is the first full year post Smart Meter implementation.

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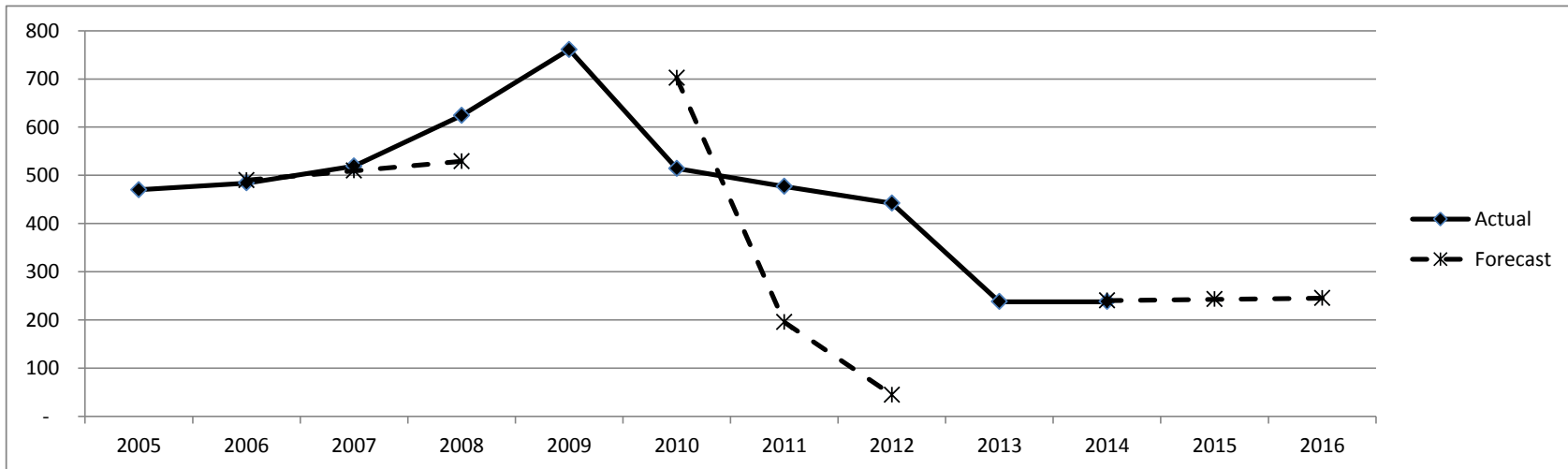
TURN ON/SHUTOFF - SHUT OFF IN ERROR

Source Customer Work
Order Group TurnOn/ShutOff
Order Type SHUT OFF IN ERROR

Description: This order type is used when gas or electric service is restored after being turned off for an unknown reason.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	486
4-Yr Avg	418
3-Yr Avg	386

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	470	484	519	624	761	514	477	442	238	238		
Forecast		490	510	529		702	196	45		240	243	245



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Total Active Meters)

This order type was impacted by Smart Meter. 2013 is the first full year post Smart Meter implementation.

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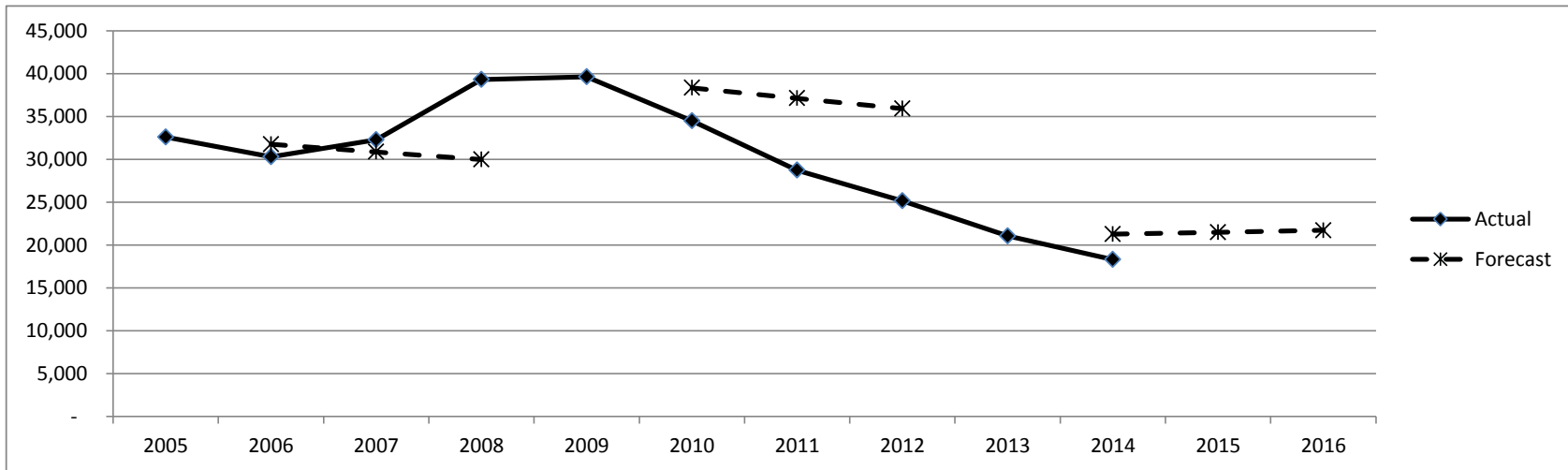
TURN ON/SHUTOFF - SOFT SHUT OFF GAS ELEC

Source Customer Work
Order Group TurnOn/ShutOff
Order Type SOFT SHUT OFF GAS ELEC

Description: This is where a customer request was initiated to shut off both the electric and gas service. The service technician does not close the meters. Information is left informing the new customer to call for service.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	29,814
4-Yr Avg	27,360
3-Yr Avg	24,985

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	32,592	30,274	32,292	39,307	39,627	34,485	28,728	25,165	21,063	18,307		
Forecast		31,742	30,864	29,986		38,337	37,120	35,927		21,280	21,497	21,714



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Total Active Meters)

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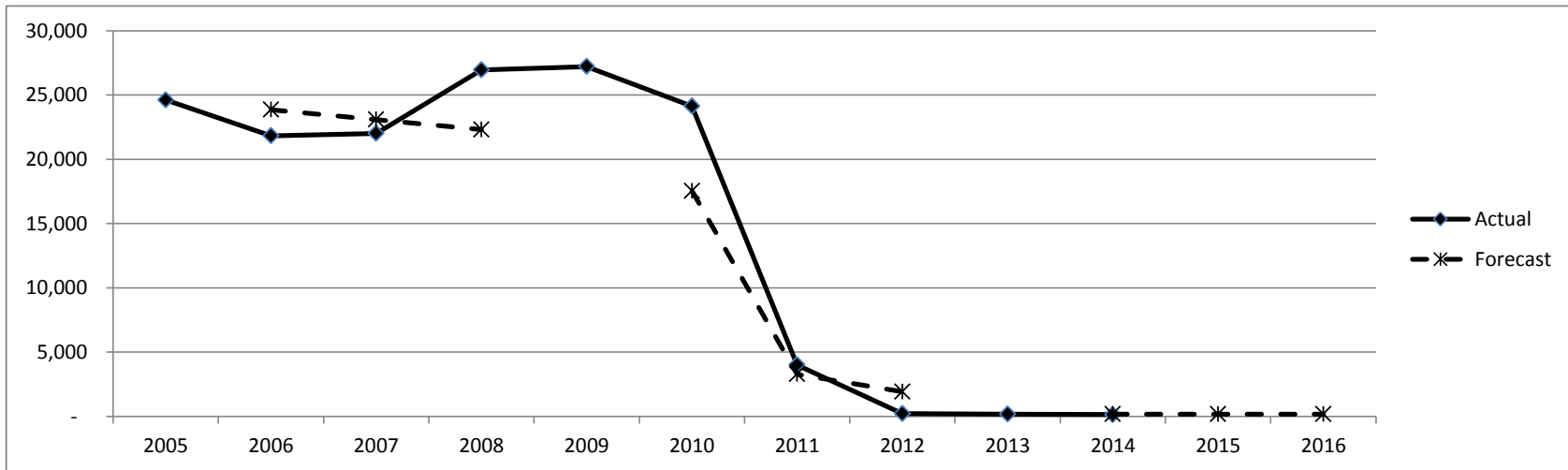
TURN ON/SHUTOFF - SOFT TURN ON GAS TURN ON ELEC

Source Customer Work
Order Group TurnOn/ShutOff
Order Type SOFT TURN ON GAS TURN ON

Description: This is where a new customer has called for service. The gas meter is read and the electric service is turned on. No appliances are serviced.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	11,150
4-Yr Avg	7,134
3-Yr Avg	1,468

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	24,614	21,821	22,018	26,959	27,212	24,132	4,005	225	174	143		
Forecast		23,858	23,087	22,315		17,545	3,284	1,927		176	178	179



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Total Active Meters)

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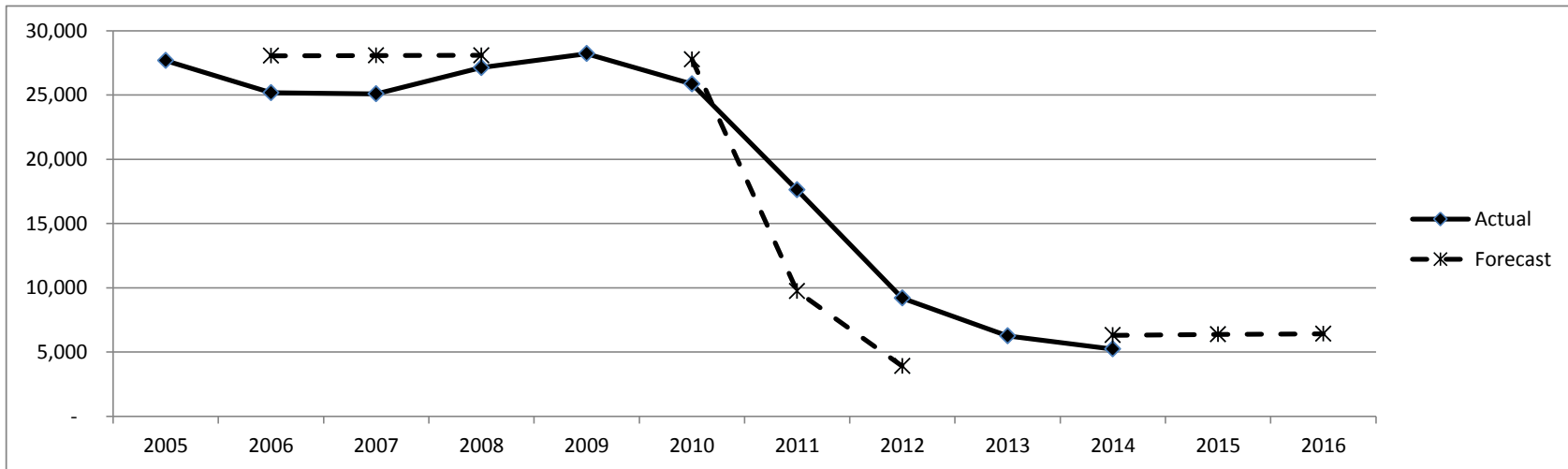
TURN ON/SHUTOFF - TURN ON ELEC

Source Customer Work
Order Group TurnOn/ShutOff
Order Type TURN ON ELEC

Description: This is where a new customer has called for service. The field technician turns on the electric service.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	17,424
4-Yr Avg	14,728
3-Yr Avg	11,020

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	27,670	25,171	25,080	27,125	28,211	25,850	17,615	9,196	6,250	5,236		
Forecast		28,053	28,066	28,080		27,766	9,740	3,902		6,310	6,369	6,429



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Active Electric Meters)

This order type was impacted by Smart Meter. 2013 is the first full year post Smart Meter implementation.

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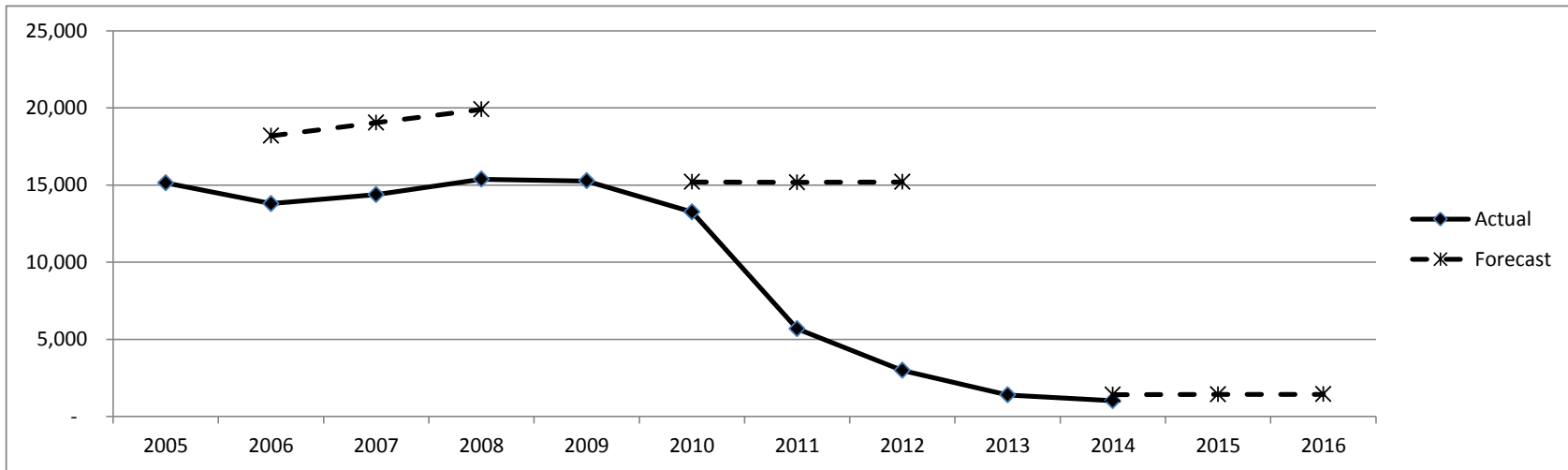
TURNON/SHUTOFF - TURN ON G/E

Source Customer Work
Order Group TurnOn/ShutOff
Order Type TURN ON G/E

Description: This is where a new customer has called for service. The gas and electric service is turned on. All gas appliances are serviced.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	7,712
4-Yr Avg	5,825
3-Yr Avg	3,348

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	15,138	13,789	14,375	15,379	15,263	13,255	5,674	2,976	1,394	1,017		
Forecast		18,186	19,045	19,904		15,197	15,171	15,194		1,408	1,423	1,437



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Total Active Meters)

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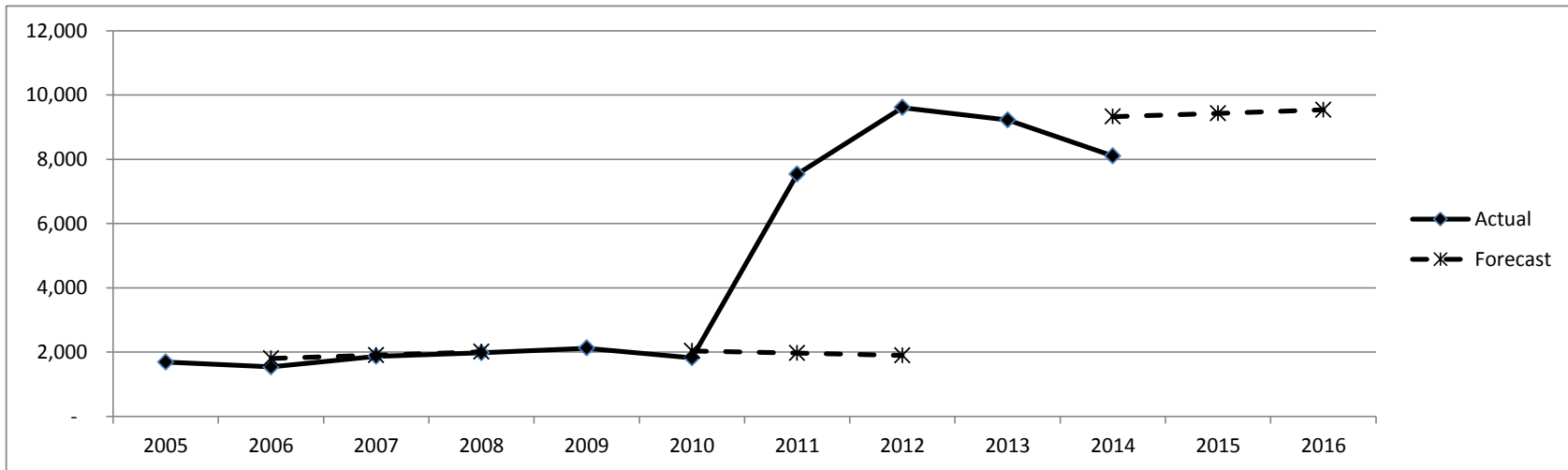
TURN ON GAS

Source Customer Work
Order Group TurnOn/ShutOff
Order Type TURN ON GAS

Description: This is where a new customer has called for service. The field technician turns on the gas meter and all gas appliances are serviced.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	6,064
4-Yr Avg	7,048
3-Yr Avg	8,789

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	1,692	1,541	1,868	1,980	2,125	1,825	7,540	9,609	9,219	8,104		
Forecast		1,805	1,908	2,010		2,041	1,971	1,900		9,326	9,433	9,539



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

This order type was impacted by Smart Meter. 2013 is the first full year post Smart Meter implementation.

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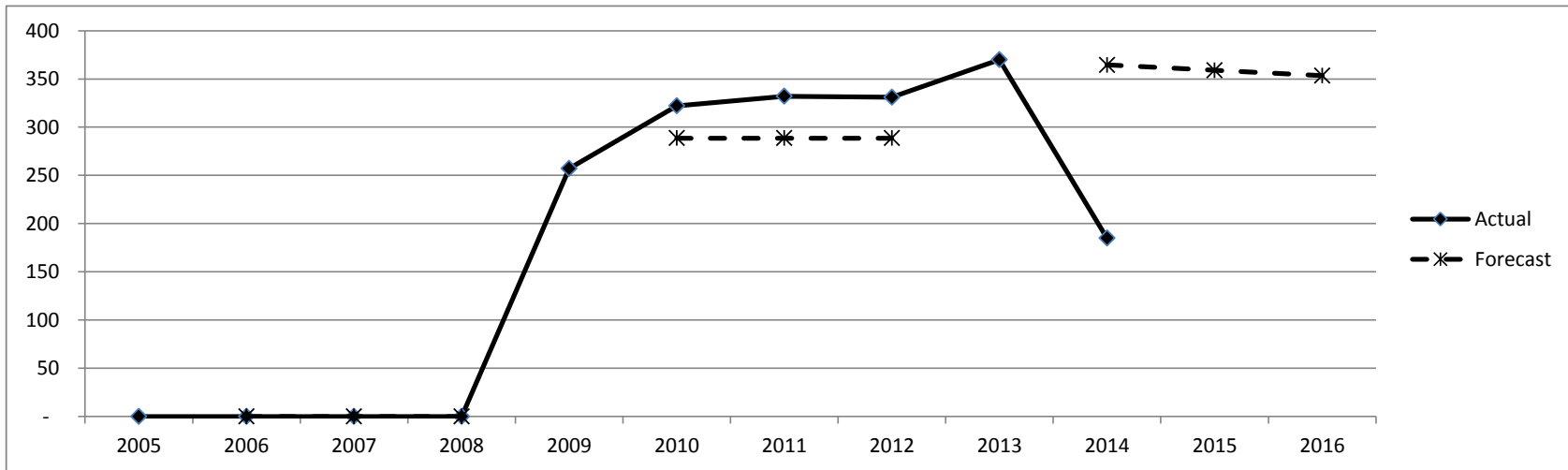
MISCELLANEOUS - HOUSELINE TEST PURGE-O&M

Source Company Work
Order Group Miscellaneous
Order Type HOUSELINE TEST/PURGE - O&M

Description: This order type is used when customer-owned piping for a pre-established account is tested by the field technician to ensure the gas is odorized .

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	322
4-Yr Avg	339
3-Yr Avg	344

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	-	-	-	-	257	322	332	331	370	185		
Forecast		-	-	-		289	289	289		364	359	353



Forecasting Method: 4-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year and are impacted by external factors outside the company's control, e.g., the condition of a customer's houseline. Excluded 2009 given that new procedures were implemented which, in turn, impacted order volumes.

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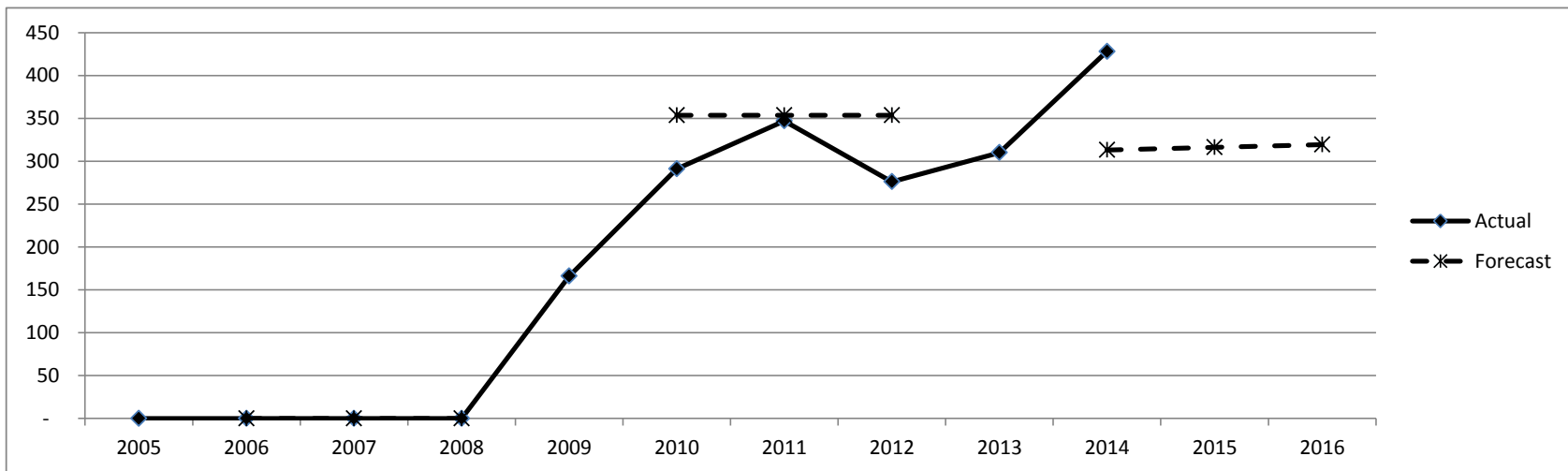
MISCELLANEOUS - HOUSELINE TEST PURGE-CAPITAL

Source Company Work
Order Group Miscellaneous
Order Type HOUSELINE TEST/PURGE - CAPITAL

Description: This order type is used when a field technician tests customer-owned piping for a new facility to ensure the gas is odorized.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	278
4-Yr Avg	306
3-Yr Avg	311

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	-	-	-	-	166	291	347	276	310	428		
Forecast						353	353	353		313	316	319



Forecasting Method: 4-Year Avg (Orders to Active Gas Meters)

Volumes fluctuate from year to year and are impacted by external factors outside the company's control, e.g., the condition of a customer's houseline. Excluded 2009 given that new procedures were implemented which, in turn, impacted order volumes.

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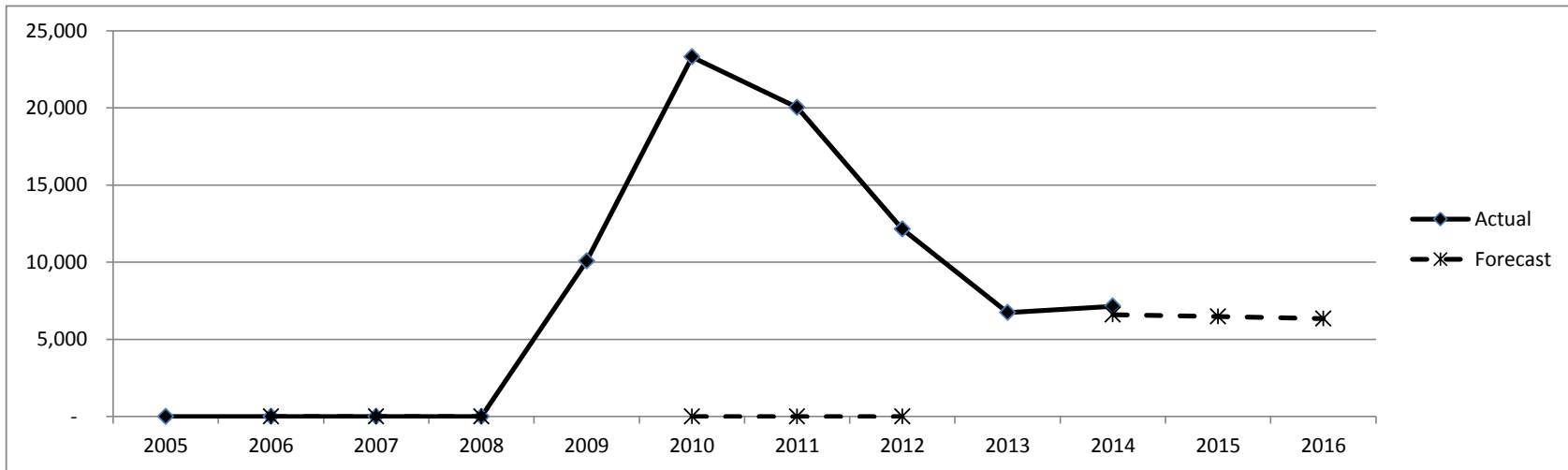
SMART METER

Source Company Work
Order Group Miscellaneous
Order Type SMART METER

Description: Orders related to Smart Meter equipment. Examples include Opt-Out and MTU replacement.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	14,456
4-Yr Avg	15,551
3-Yr Avg	12,969

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	-	-	-	-	10,073	23,299	20,024	12,150	6,732	7,144		
Forecast										6,601	6,471	6,340



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Adj. to remove AM Deployment Work) (Orders to Total Active Meters)

This order type was created to account for Smart Meter work. 2013 is the first full year post Smart Meter implementation.

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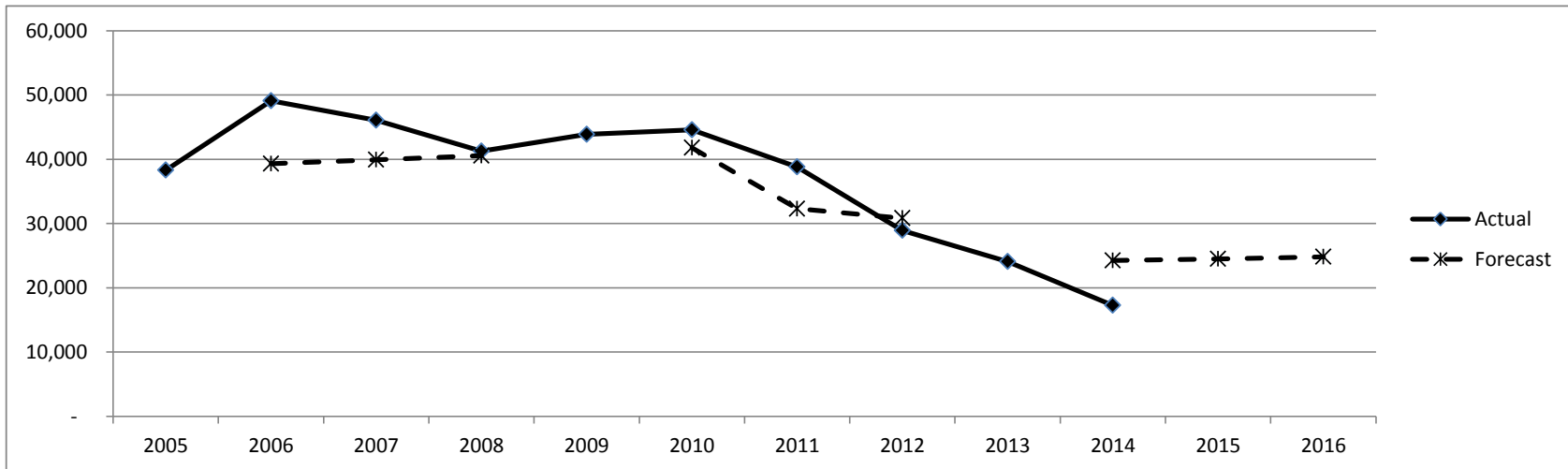
CSF - INCOMPLETE

Source Incomplete
Order Group CSF
Order Type INCOMPLETE

Description: This order type is used when a field technician is not able to complete an order, e.g., customer not home, cannot access meter, etc.

Historical Averages	
5-Yr Avg	36,046
4-Yr Avg	34,092
3-Yr Avg	30,599

Order Counts												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Actual	38,311	49,098	46,057	41,270	43,862	44,570	38,787	28,940	24,069	17,281		
Forecast		39,299	39,924	40,565		41,783	32,313	30,839		24,243	24,499	24,813



Forecasting Method: Base Year (Orders to Total Active Meters)

This order type was impacted by Smart Meter. 2013 is the first full year post Smart Meter implementation.

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Appendix B

SDG&E Data Request (SEU-ORA-DR-06) and ORA Response



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San Diego Gas & Electric Co. Test Year 2016 General Rate Case, A.14-11-003
Southern California Gas Co. Test Year 2016 General Rate Case, A.14-11-004

Origination Date: May 1, 2015
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Data Request No: SEU-ORA-DR-06
Exhibit Reference: ORA-13
Subject: SCG Customer Services Field and Meter Reading
SDG&E Customer Services Field

The following is ORA's response to Sempra's data request. If you have any questions, please contact the responder at the phone number and/or email address shown above.

Q.1: Please provide the actual workpaper page or the Sempra Utility data request response attachment page that serves as the basis for the statements made throughout the prepared direct testimony by Ms. Tamera Godfrey in Exhibit ORA-

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13, as shown below in a. through e., regarding one-time and non-recurring costs that were not removed. Please also explain the basis for ORA's assertion that these are one-time and non-recurring expenses.

- a. Customer Services Field (CSF) Operations on page 49, footnote 135:
"SCG's historical expenses (2009-2013) include costs incurred for one-time, non-recurring and unusual expenses (expenses incurred that are not necessary or required to operate the utility business).

ORA discovered that SCG did not remove all these costs, which are incorporate into ORA's TY 2016 estimate and provides embedded funding that SCG can reallocate in the TY for proposed activities (SCG response to ORA-SCG-052-TLG, Q.17)."

- b. CSF Operations on page 54, footnote 147:
"SCG's adjusted-recorded expenses (2009-2013) for its CSF Operations include overtime costs and costs incurred for one-time, non-recurring and unusual expenses (expenses incurred that are not necessary or required to operate the utility business) that SCG and reallocate in the TY for proposed activities (SCG response to ORA-SCG-052-TLG, Q.17)."

- c. CSF Operations on page 58, line 13:
"SCG also has embedded funding from completed and eliminated projects, programs, and training as well as costs incurred for one-time non-recurring activities that SCG can reallocate funding from those activities in the TY for its proposed job shadowing program."

- d. CSF Supervision on page 63, footnote 176:
"SCG's historical expenses (2009-2013) include costs incurred for one-time, non-recurring and unusual expenses (expenses incurred that are not necessary or required to operate the utility business). ORA discovered that SCG did not remove all these costs, which are incorporate into ORA's TY 2016 estimate and provides embedded funding that SCG, can reallocate in the TY for proposed activities (SCG response to ORA-SCG-052-TLG, Q.17)."

- e. CSF Support on page 65, footnote 180:
"SCG's historical expenses (2009-2013) include costs incurred for expenses (2009-2013) include costs incurred for one-time, non-recurring and unusual expenses (expenses incurred that are not necessary or required to operate the utility business). ORA discovered that SCG did not remove all these costs, which are incorporate into ORA's TY 2016 estimate and provides embedded funding that SCG can reallocate in the TY for proposed activities (SCG response to ORA-SCG-052-TLG, Q.17)."

A.1 a-e:

Regarding “the actual workpaper page or the Sempra Utility data request response attachment page that serves as the basis for the statements” made in ORA’s testimony regarding SCG’s historical expenses (2009-2013) including costs incurred for one-time, non-recurring and unusual expenses (expenses incurred that are not necessary or required to operate the utility business), see SCG’s response to ORA-SCG-052-TLG, Q.17.

As discussed in ORA’s testimony on pages 49, 54, 58, 63, and 65 SCG’s historical expenses (2009-2013) include costs incurred for one-time, non-recurring and unusual expenses (expenses incurred that are not necessary or required to operate the utility business). According to SoCalGas’ responses to ORA-SCG-052-TLG, Q. 17, SoCalGas did not remove all these costs. See, in response to ORA-SCG-TLG-52, Q. 17: “For example, brand awareness and loyalty surveys/campaigns/events are not separately identified from other advertising or event expenses.” Since SCG did not separately identify all of these costs, they are still embedded in SCG’s dollars spent in 2009-2013” and are thus incorporated into ORA’s TY 2016 estimate. This provides embedded funding that SCG can reallocate in the TY for proposed activities for its Customer Services Field (CSF) Operations, CSF Supervision, and CSF Support work groups.

ORA’s review and analysis of SCG’s 2009-2013 adjusted-recorded expenses provided in SCG’s response to ORA-SCG-052-TLG, Q. 17 shows significant expense fluctuations from year to year for several line items demonstrating that the associated activities and related costs are not incurred at that expense level on a yearly basis (i.e., one-time and non-recurring expenses). Note that expenses associated with employee meals, luncheons, entertainment, gift cards, employee recognition, holiday events, various corporate events, tickets to sporting events, certain employee/company dues and memberships, and employee laundry are a few examples of the type of expenses SCG incurred between 2009-2013 that are not necessary or required to operate the utility’s business. ORA did not remove these expenses from its estimate, which provides SCG with embedded costs that can be reallocated in the TY for proposed activities

**CSF Operations Expense
(in Thousands of 2013 Dollars)**

Description	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	SCG 2016 Forecast	ORA 2016 Forecast
Labor	\$101,547	\$103,974	\$99,901	\$97,883	\$99,210	\$99,959	\$120,942	\$105,384
Non-Labor	6,727	6,804	6,844	7,053	6,699	8,121	7,003	7,336
Total	\$108,274	\$110,778	\$106,745	\$104,936	\$105,909	\$108,080	\$127,945	\$112,720

Regarding overtime costs included in 2009-2013 adjusted-recorded expenses for CSF Operations, see SCG’s response to ORA-SCG-052-TLG, Q. 17. Regarding “embedded funding from completed and eliminated projects, programs and training” see ORA’s response to Q.5 and Q.6.

**CSF Supervision Expense
(in Thousands of 2013 Dollars)**

Description	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	SCG 2016 Forecast	ORA 2016 Forecast
Labor	\$10,154	\$10,874	\$12,519	\$11,930	\$10,144	\$9,225	\$12,158	\$11,124
Non-Labor	1,247	1,196	1,166	1,115	974	728	1,230	1,140
Total	\$11,401	\$12,070	\$13,685	\$13,045	\$11,118	\$9,953	\$13,388	\$12,264

**CSF Support Expense
(in Thousands of 2013 Dollars)**

Description	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	SCG 2016 Forecast	ORA 2016 Forecast
Labor	\$9,744	\$9,734	\$9,621	\$9,368	\$8,804	\$9,051	\$10,980	\$9,587
Non-Labor	1,191	1,281	1,158	828	954	2,257	1,643	1,446
Total	\$10,935	\$11,015	\$10,779	\$10,196	\$9,758	\$11,308	\$12,623	\$11,033

Q.2: At Exhibit ORA-13, page 11, lines 6-9, ORA indicated it “reviewed and analyzed each individual work order type SDG&E provided in its testimony, in order to determine the historical order volume trend for each individual work order type”. Of the 56 order types ORA reviewed and analyzed, which individual order type forecasts does ORA object to and why?

A.2: Regarding “which individual order type forecasts does ORA object to and why,” note that ORA’s testimony did not state that it objected to SDG&E’s “individual order type forecasts.”

As discussed in ORA’s testimony on page 11, ORA reviewed and analyzed each individual work order type SDG&E provided in its testimony, in order to determine the historical order volume trend for each individual work order type.¹ ORA discovered that, of the fifty-six work order types shown, thirty-two of them showed declining trends in order volumes between 2009-2013. SDG&E’s 2014 adjusted-

¹ Regarding forecasts and historical trends for Work Order Volumes, in response to ORA-SCG-052-TLG, Q. 22-d, SCG states “Relying solely on total order volume trends, rather than order volume trends for each individual work order type, would ignore key factors impacting individual order types.”

recorded expenses of \$13.243 million includes its work order volumes and its 2014 expense level is \$2.435 million lower than its 2013 expense levels of \$15.678 million. SDG&E’s testimony and workpapers did not include any historical cost data associated with each of its fifty-six work order types for analysis.

Q.3: At Exhibit ORA-13, page 47, lines 11-13, ORA indicated it “reviewed and analyzed each individual work order type SCG provided in its testimony, in order to determine the historical order volume trend for each individual work order type”. Of the 50 order types ORA reviewed and analyzed, which individual order type forecasts does ORA object to and why?

A.3: See ORA’s testimony on pages 47-49 and ORA’s response to Q.2 above.

Q.4: At Exhibit ORA-13, ORA calculates SoCalGas’ Customer Services Field (CSF) forecasts for customer growth (page 49, line 18 and page 50, lines 1-2), drive time (page 52, lines 20-22), new CSF services (page 54, lines 8-12), Operator Qualification training (page 57, lines 22-24), and meter set assembly inspections (page 59, lines 4-5) divided SoCalGas’ TY 2016 forecasted cost for the aforementioned elements by three. What is the rationale and basis for dividing the annual cost by three?

A.4: ORA explains the “rationale and basis” for its TY 2016 forecast for SoCalGas’ Customer Services Field (CSF) in detail in ORA’s testimony at pages 45-61. ORA’s CSF forecast is based, in part, on ORA’s recommendation that the Commission normalize the costs over the three-year GRC cycle that SCG used. See, for example, Ex. ORA-13, p. 52, lines 20-22, and Ex. ORA-13, p. 59, line 4.

Q.5: At Exhibit ORA-13, when referring to SDG&E’s request for incremental funding for the CSF cost categories, ORA states “SDG&E should have embedded historical costs from completed or eliminated projects that can be reallocated to address its proposed activities in the Test Year.” For each location listed below where ORA recommends this, please indicate which specific completed or eliminated projects ORA is referring to.

- a. CSF Operations on page 12, lines 9-10
- b. CSF Support on page 14, lines 4-6

A.5 a-b:

In regards to “which specific completed or eliminated projects ORA is referring to” see ORA’s testimony pages 9-12. Note that SDG&E states that its CSF Operations costs “are primarily driven by work order volumes.” SDG&E’s total work order volumes declined by 406,493 between 2009-2013, from 725,946 in 2009 to 319,453 in 2013. ORA was not able to compare SDG&E’s forecast project costs to past project costs or determine which projects have been completed or eliminated. ORA

assumes that SDG&E has at least completed some projects successfully and that those costs can be reallocated to fund new activities. SDG&E's testimony and workpapers did not include any historical cost data associated with each of its fifty-six work order types for analysis.

Q.6: At Exhibit ORA-13, page 58, lines 13-16, when referring to SoCalGas' request for incremental funding for the CSF cost categories, ORA states "SCG also has embedded funding from completed and eliminated projects, programs...that SCG can reallocate funding from those activities in the TY...". Please indicate which specific completed or eliminated projects and programs ORA is referring to.

A.6: See ORA's response to question Q.5.

Q.7: At Exhibit ORA-13, page 54, lines 11-12, "ORA recommends incremental funding of \$1.738 million over 2013 recorded expense levels" to support SoCalGas' new services proposal (Expanded Appliance Safety Checks, Enhanced Customer Education, and Customer Outreach Safety Check) whereas SoCalGas forecasted \$5.213 million. Please provide the calculations and assumptions used to derive the \$1.738 million.

A.7: Regarding the "calculations and assumptions used to derive the \$1.738 million," see ORA's testimony pages 54-57. ORA normalized SCG's forecast of \$5.213 million over three years (\$5.213 million divided by 3 years = \$1.738 million). As discussed in ORA's testimony, SCG's historical expenses already include embedded costs for performing customer appliance safety checks and for various resources to educate customers on different SCG programs. SCG's adjusted-recorded expenses (2009-2013) for its CSF Operations include overtime costs that SCG can reallocate in the TY for proposed activities (see SCG response to ORA-SCG-052-TLG, Q.17).

Q.8: At Exhibit ORA-13, page 63, footnote 173, ORA states "ORA's use of a five year average methodology provides additional funding of \$1.146 million over 2013 recorded expenses and is sufficient for SCG to maintain its 2013 ratio and its proposed ratio for DOT MSA inspections." Please provide calculations and assumptions used to support this claim.

A.8: Regarding the "calculations and assumptions used to support this claim," see ORA's testimony pages 61-64. As discussed in ORA's testimony, SCG's adjusted-recorded expenses have been on a downward trend since 2011. SCG's expenses declined by \$3.732 million or 37.50% between 2011 and 2014, from \$13.685 million in 2011 to \$9.953 million in 2014.

ORA's estimate of \$12.264 million (adding SCG's 2009-2013 adjusted-recorded expenses totaling \$61,319 million/five years = \$12.264 million) for SCG's CSF Supervision work group is \$1.146 million more than SCG's 2013 adjusted-recorded expenses of \$11.118 million. ORA's estimate is \$2.311 million more than SCG's 2014 adjusted-recorded expenses of \$9.953 million. SCG's 2014 adjusted-recorded expenses of \$9.953 million is \$1.847 million less than its 2014 forecast of \$11.800 million. SCG's adjusted-recorded expenses (2009-2013) for its CSF Supervision include overtime costs that SCG can reallocate in the TY for its proposed positions.

- Q.9. At Exhibit ORA-13, for ORA's testimony regarding SoCalGas' CSF Support cost category, please clarify whether ORA is proposing a TY 2016 forecast of \$11.033 million or \$11.008 million. Various text, tables, and footnote calculations are inconsistent in describing what ORA's forecast is for CSF Support, which also could affect the aggregate tables in ORA's testimony. Please refer to ORA's analysis of CSF Support shown on pages 65-69.
- A.9: As discussed in ORA's testimony on pages 65-69, ORA's estimate for SCG's CSF Support work group is \$11.033 million. ORA calculated its estimate utilizing SCG's 2013 adjusted-recorded expenses as a basis of \$9.758 million, and added incremental funding of \$1.275 million: \$0.923 million and \$0.352 million (note that ORA opposed \$40,000 associated with one-time costs for audio/video equipment of SCG's \$65,000 non-labor forecast). See SCG's Table SAF-22 on page SAF-33.

END OF RESPONSE
